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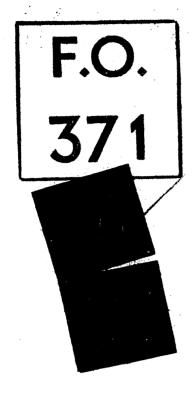
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British Embassy,
Athens E 8642

Reference to previous correspondence:

Foreign Office telegram No. 1878 of 11th Sept.

Description of Enclosure.

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Subject.

Note Verbale to Ministry of Foreign Affairs No.410 (46/345/47) of 13th September, 1947

Illegal Jewish immigration - granting of Greek registration to CORINA.

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BRITISH BUBASSY.

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> His Britannie Majesty's Embassy present their compliments to the Royal Hellenie Ministry of Persign Affairs and on the instructions of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Persign Affairs, have the honour to draw the attention of the Royal Hellenie Government to the following matter.

His Majesty's Government have received a report that the SCO-ten motor vessel Corina (late Sfantu Stefan), which is fitted for earrying illegal Jovish immigrants and which holds a permit to leave Romanian waters, is about to sail from Masin in order to obtain a previsional certificate of Greek registration from the Greek Consulate-General at Istanbul.

His Majesty's Government believe that this vessel will attempt to embark illegal Jewish immigrants from Reumania and they are anxious to prevent her departure. His Majesty's Embassy have therefore been instructed to request the Royal Government to instruct the Greek Consul-General at Istanbul not to grant Greek registration to the Corina and to inform the Roumanian Government that Greek registration will not be granted to her.

His Majesty's Ambassy avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Royal Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurance of their highest consideration.

Kestricted No. 3, (46/355/47) Ambassador HIS Majesty's H.M.P.S.S. for F.A. presents his compliments to and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents. 25th September Reference to previous correspondence: 343 of 13th September Ref. Athens Despatch No. 343 of 13th September Description of Enclosure. Subject. Name and Date. Roumanian ship Copy of Note Verbale "Corina". No. 39987 from Greek M.F.A.

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No. 39987

NOTE VERBALE

Le Ministère Royal des Affaires Etrangères prèsente ses compliments a l'Ambassade de Sa Majesté Britannique et a l'honneur d'accuser réception de la note sub No. 410 qu'elle a bien voulu lui adresser le 13 de ce mois au sujet du navire roumain "Corina".

Le Ministère Royal n'a pas manque de donner au Consul Général de Gréce à Istamboul des instructions dans le sens de la note précitée.

Le Ministère Royal des Affaires Etrangeres saisit cette occasion de renouveler à l'Ambassade de Sa Majesté Britannique les assurances de sa très haute considération. Athénes, le 18 septembre 1947.

A L'AMBASSADE DE SA MAJESTE BRITANNIQUE IN VILLE.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
PARIS.

12th September, 1947

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With the Compliments of His Majesty's Embassy.

J.E. Cable, Esq., Eastern Department, Foreign Office, S.W.1. FO 371/51849

British Embassy,

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Paris.

12th September, 1947.

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I attach a translation of a letter addressed to me on 5th September, 1947, by Monsieur Ocana, First Secretary of the Panamanian Legation here, about the "Northlands".

Unless the lists, which were attached to the original of this letter, and which we have not seen, are too long, we would be grateful if you could furnish us with a copy, at the same time sending a copy to the Eastern Department of the Foreign Office. Failing that, we would be interested to receive your comments on the lists and an indication of their more significant contents.

We would also be glad to learn in what way the lists were "certified correct", and whether the Consul simply took the Captain's word for it. If so, we shall be justified in registering a strong complaint about his lack of cooperation. We had indeed hoped that he would bestir himself to the extent of going on board the vessel to see for himself, but if that was too much for him one would have expected the statements of the Master to have been certified correct by someone other than the Master!

G.A. Crussley.

B.J.M. Nairn, Esq., O.B.E., British Consul, Bordeaux. HO 371/ 61849

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OFFICE, LONDON

COPY.

Paris 5th September.

My Dear Colleague,

I have pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant and of the copy of the "Paducahs manifest.

With regard to the suspicions aroused by this ship owing to the tremendous quantity of foodstuffs and accessories she carries, I should inform you that the Legation has given clear instructions to our consul at Bordeaux so that he may take the necessary steps to prevent her taking clandestine passengers aboard.

Regarding your desire to learn the reasons why our Consul changed his previously suspicious attitude towards the "Northlands", I have pleasure in transcribing below the pertinent passage of his note dated 27th August.

"Later, H.M. Consul here visited me to inform me of certain suspicions he harboured that the "Northlands" (the Paducah had sailed on the 3rd August) was undergoing interior repairs and had embarked provisions and accessories out of proportion to the traffic authorised by her With the object of verifying these suspicions, I requested the Captain of the ship, through the medium of the ship's agent, to send me certified and exact lists of the provisions on board and of the complementary nautical gear. The ship's agent, in a letter of the 19th instant, told me that he would send them within a post or two, as the Captain had promised to make them out immediately; as seven days passed without the Consulate having received the lists, I too shared the English consul's suspicions, supposing that the delay in sending me the lists requested was engineered with the object of gaining time, in the hope that once the fine imposed by the French Government mudxfarxwhishxkhaxkhaxkhaxkhaxkhax on the Exodus 47, and for which the "Northlands" was held, was cancelled or paid, this latter might be able to put to sea without sending me the lists. It was then I went to the Maritime Inspection at Bayonne and to the "Cabinet du Ministère de la Marine", at the same time

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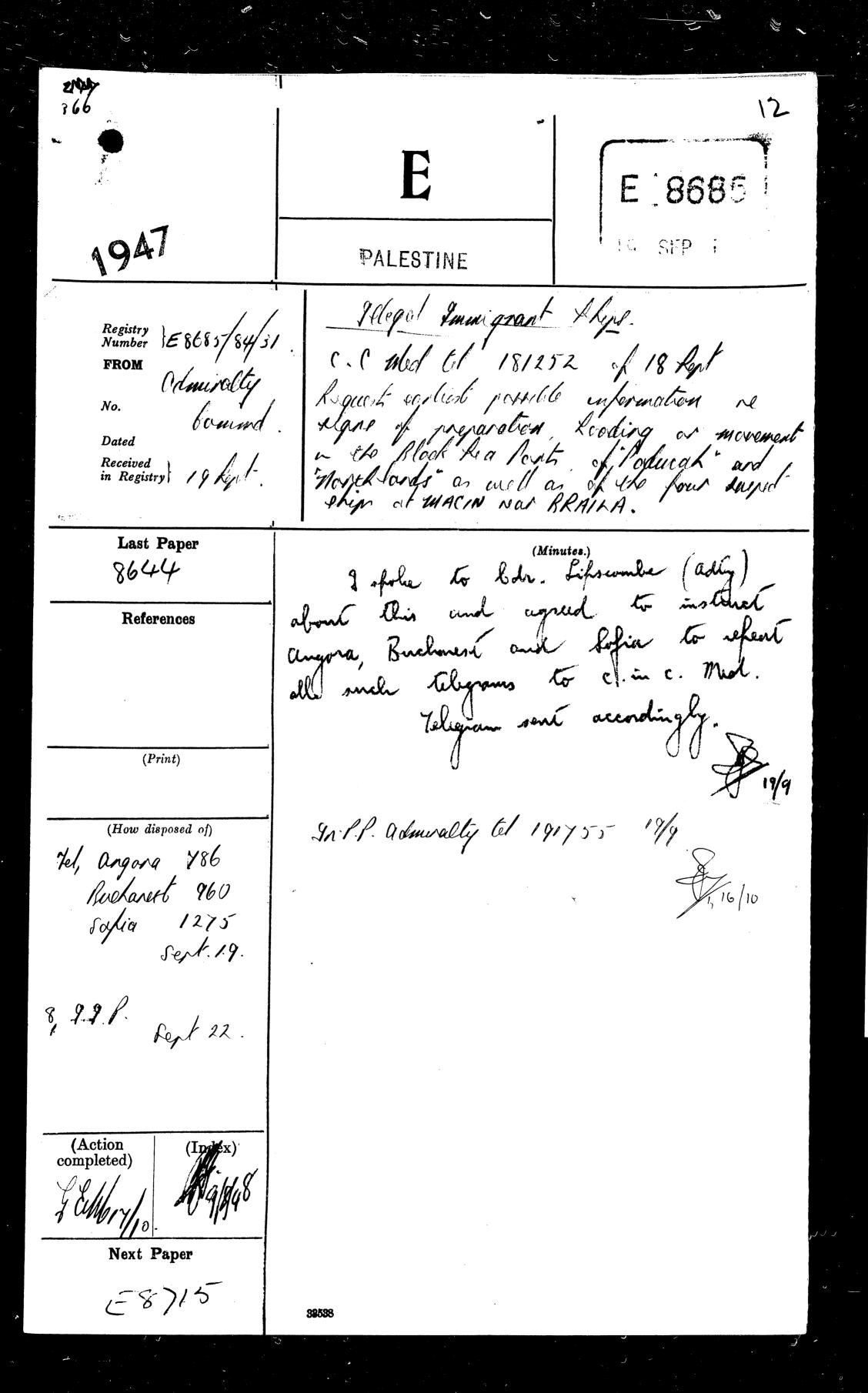
telegraphing to you at the Legation asking that you should not yet authorise the departure of the "Northlands". Last night, the 26th instant (August) the ship's agent in Bayonne and a representative of the ship's chandler arrived, bringing me the above mentioned lists, which I attach, and as there is nothing in them to indicate that they exceed the necessities of a normal voyage, and as they are signed and sealed and certified correct by the Captain responsible, this Consulate does not see any reason for any saction against this panamanian ship, and in consequence would not proceed to detain her if the pert authorities grant the necessary sailing authorisation.

Being of this opinion, and after having sent a copy of the above mentioned lists to the Consul of H.M.G. in this city, for his information, I have telegraphed to the Maritime Inspection in Bayonne cancelling my previous letter, and to your Legation with the same object.

(Sgd.) Luis Ruiz

Consul of Panama.

I take this opportunity to assure you of my most distinguished consideration, etc. etc.



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To: Admiralty.

I would like to be sure that the earliest possible information is received of any signs of preparation, loading or movement in the Black Sea Ports, of PADUCAH and NORTHLAND as well as of the four suspect ships at Macin near Braila. It is requested that any intelligence received by the Foreign Office from their representatives may be signalled without delay.

2. A concentration of two or more of these ships, appears possible and will require a considerable force to arrest. Early warning of movements to enable the palestine patrol to be reinforced as economically as possible is

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From. Admiralty.

IMPORTANT,

Your 181252. Foreign Office have instructed their representative at Sofia, Bucharest and Ankara accordingly. Text of Foreign Office message is being passed to you.

- 2. Official of Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs states PADUCAH left Varna September 12th and is now at Bourgas. He states vessel will be guarded but it is not certain whether she would be denied services.
- 3. No further intelligence of NORTHLANDS.
- 4. CORINA at Macin near Braila may sail for Istanbul to endeavour to obtain Greek registry. Vessel is not expected to carry Jews on this voyage. Foreign Office have asked Greek Government to refuse the request.

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September 19th, 1947. D. 7.15 p.m. September 19th, 1947.

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Jewish illegal immigration.

Please repeat all telegrams about movement, loading or preparation of suspect ships to C-in-C. Mediterranean.

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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Ashley Clarke.

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No. 909 September 20th, 1947.

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Please pass following to Admiralty for Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean.

To: Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean (Admiralty please pass).

INFO: Admiralty.

From: B.N.A. Paris.

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Consul Rouen reports Pan York expected to sail to-day 20th from Rouen to Bordeaux. Oil fuel refused at Brest and Rouen.

2. It is highly probable this ship is for Jewish traffic.

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FROM ANGORA TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Sir D. Kelly No. 658

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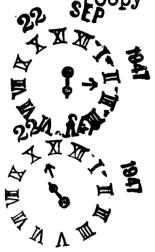
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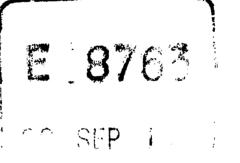
Ministry of Foreign Affairs have no news of Northlands since she passed into the Black Sea but have telegraphed to their Consul at Varna to look out for her.

Foreign Office repeat to Bucharest and Moscow as my telegrams Nos. 10 and 18 respectively.

[Repeated to Bucharest and Moscow].

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23rd September, 1947

Dear Higham.

Confirming my telephone advice, "ASSARCE" sails under the Rire flag, and we agreed you would take further action with the Commonwealth Relations Office.

I am sending copies to Cable, Evershed and Schurr.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) F. C. RENNIE

J. D. Higham, Esq., Colonial Office.

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12th September 194

Reference to previous correspondence:
Montevideo telegram No. 2

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Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.

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To Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

28th August 1947.

From Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.
2nd September.

To Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs. 6th September 1947.

(Copy to Chancery, Moscow)

Jewish Illegal
Emigrants in '
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(Enclosure No. 1 in Montevideo despatch No. 161 of the 12th September 1947).

No. 142.

BRITISH EMBASSY,

MONTEVIDEO.

28th August 1947.

Sir,

I have to inform you that, according to information received by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, it is understood that a party of illegal Jewish emigrants is about to embark at the Roumanian port of Constanza in the s.s. "PADUCAH" en route to Palestine and that this party is said to possess Uruguayan visas.

Since in certain other similar cases it
has been found that foreign visas held by
illegal Jewish emigrants were fraudulent, I
have been instructed by His Majesty's Principal
Secretary of State to enquire whether the issue
of any appreciable number of visas to Jewish
emigrants from Roumania has, in fact, been
authorised by the Government of this Republic.
If, as seems possible, such visas are fraudulent
in the present case also, and this is confirmed
by the Uruguayan Government, an assurance to
this effect would greatly assist His Majesty's
Representative at Bucharest in taking action in
respect of the party in question.

I should/

Doctor Tomás J. de la Fuente,

Under-Secretary in charge of
the Department of Foreign Affairs,
MONTEVIDEO.

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I should therefore be most grateful if I might be informed at the earliest possible moment whether the issue of any such visas has in fact been authorised by the Uruguayan authorities and, if an assurance can be given that no such authorisation has been issued, if this might be communicated also direct by the Uruguayan Government to the Government of the U.S.S.R.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(signed) Gordon Vereker.

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(Translation)

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
MONTEVIDEO.
2nd September, 1947.
(recd. 3rd Sept.)

Sir,

In reply to Your Excellency's Note No. 142 of the 28th August, I have pleasure in informing you that this Department of State addressed the following telegrams to the Uruguayan Consul at Bucharest, without so far having obtained a reply:-

"29th August, 1947. Report urgently if you have granted visas. If so, state in what character and to what persons".

"1st September, 1947. Urge reply my telegram 29th August. Failure to reply may cause serious disciplinary action to be taken".

The Uruguayan Legation at Moscow for its part sent the following telegram to this Department of State on the 30th August:-

"B 1122. British Embassy asks me ascertain if our Government authorised visas Jewish families Constantza ready embark steamer "PADUCAH" Panamanian flag and chartered New York. British Representative in Roumania believes local authorities possibly may not be able intervene efficaciously to prevent embarkation and departure vessel with persons calculated to number 500 in event of not receiving help from Soviet authorities. British Embassy, Moscow, entrusted with this matter, asks for official information regarding supposed Uruguayan visas prior to requesting Soviet help in order to prevent embarkation and journey to Constantza-Haifa in accordance undertakings Resolution on Palestine problem New York I await telegraphic reply. Meeting 15th May last. Sampognaro".

A reply to the above telegram has to-day been sent as follows:-

"Reference B 1122. Government did not authorise such visas. If Uruguayan Consul, Bucharest, has granted them, they should be regarded as invalid, in view of fact that he would have exceeded his powers by omission request prior authorisation from Government".

I am, etc.,

(signed) Tomás J. de la Fuente.

His Excellency,
Gordon G.M. Vereker, Esq., C.M.G., M.C.,
etc., etc.,

(Exclosure No. 3 in Montevideo despatch No. 161 of 12th September, 1947.

No. 149.

BRITISH EMBASSY, MONTEVIDEO.

28

6th September, 1947.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of the 2nd September (D.G.388/947) in which you were kind enough to transmit to me the texts of the telegrams sent by the Department of State to the Uruguayan Consul in Bucharest with regard to the issue of visas, as also the text of the telegram sent by the Uruguayan Legation in Moscow regarding the same matter, and the reply sent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I note that no reply has yet been received to the two telegrams addressed to Bucharest.

In thanking you for your good offices in this matter, I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(signed) Gordon Vereker.

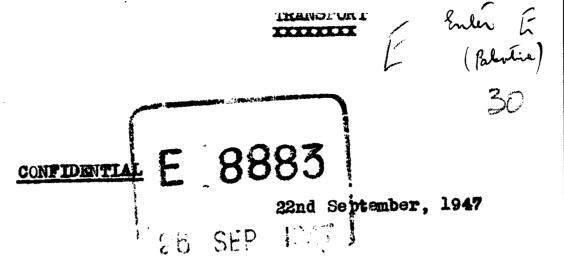
Doctor Tomás J. de la Fuente,

Under-Secretary in charge of

the Department of Foreign Affairs,

Montevideo.

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Dear Evershed,

As arranged, I have made enquiries whether denial of insurance on the London market would be of advantage in respect of delaying suspect ships. From the advice received, it is considered it must be accepted that no reputable firm would accept business on other than the usual terms and conditions. These would be in respect of Marine risks only which would not include cover from risks other than Marine arising from use of a ship in transporting illegal immigrants into Palestine. Such use would, of course, only become known at some date subsequent to the acceptance of insurance.

It is thought that denial of insurance in the U.K. would merely lead to the insurance being placed abroad. This cannot be controlled; therefore it would appear, in all the circumstances, there would be no advantage in arranging to deny insurance in the U.K. in respect to ships suspected of intended use for carrying illegal immigrants.

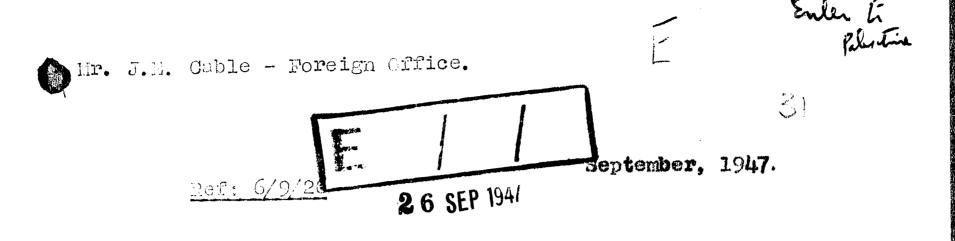
I am sending copies to Higham, Cable and Schurr.

Yours sincerely,

Cago F C RENNIE

Commander W. Evershed, R.N., Offices of the Cabinet.

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Dear Rennie,

Thank you for your letter dated 22nd September about insurance of suspect ships.

I question whether your argument that there would be no adventage in arranging to deny insurance in the United Kingdom since it would "merely lead to the insurance being placed abroad" is quite in accordance with the general methods the I.I.P. Committee has adopted for dealing with illegal immigration. It has always been recognised that there was almost nothing we could do (short of legislation to detain ships and arrest on the high seas which Ministers would not permit) which would ever guarantee to prevent any particular ship sailing. The tactics employed have, therefore, consistently been to impose such obstacles and delays as were within our powers in the hope that the cumulative effect of such action would have a worth-while effect, and, on the whole, I think these tactics have worked.

(See Chairman's statement in IIP(47) llth [tg., [in. 44]).

In any case the argument you adduce is equally applicable to other measures - such as the denial of oil fuel - where suspect ships can and do turn to foreign concerns when they are refused service by British firms. Nevertheless, the resulting delay has frequently been worth-while.

A further point that occurs to me is that if a ship like Las Tamplas is insured with a British firm it may make the task of our diplomats abroad even more difficult than it already is, for I suggest they would suffer some embarrassment if, for example, when they were reproaching the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs for permitting the departure of Las Tamplas, it was pointed out to them that apparently the British Government did not attempt to place obstacles in the way of her sailing since she was insured by a reputable British firm.

Cable will no doubt remark on the validity of this consideration, but I still think it would be useful to have an insurance expert at the next meeting of the Working Party so that we may learn something about - (a) the methods of insurance; (b) why ships like Las Tamplas come to London for insurance; (c) what they do if London will not insure them; (d) what sort of delay would be imposed; (e) what practical steps could be taken to prevent suspect ships from insuring in London.

I am sending copies of this letter to Higham, Cable and Scherr.

Yours,

(0d.) Walter Evershed.

F.C. Rennie, Beq., Ministry of Transport, Berkeley Square House, Berkeley Square, W. COPYRIGHT OF THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON

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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

WAR RISKS INSURANCE OFFICE, 148, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON, E.C.3.

WEH/CO

26th September, 1947

D. Haigh, Esq., The Ministry of Transport, Berkeley Square House, W.1.

Dear Haigh,

PALESTINE IMMIGRANTS

With reference to our telephonic conversation, and the desire expressed for the support of the Market in preventing vessels engaged in the above trade from being insured, you may take it definitely from me that the whole Market is not only willing, but anxious to assist in this matter. I believe that confidentially, and in no way involving H.M.G., something can be done.

The main difficulty is that the majority of steamers are insured for twelve months, with certain trade limits, and should an owner engage in this immigrant trade during the currency of his policy, it would not be possible for Underwriters to repudiate the contract.

The case of the "LAS TAMPLAS" is one in point. The vessel happens to be insured on a three monthly basis, the last insurance commencing on the 7th August and expiring on the 7th November. If the owner makes the objectionable voyage before the 7th November there is nothing the Underwriters can do. However, I have discussed the matter confidentially with the insurance broker, who happens to be a friend of mine, and he has told me definitely that when the renewal comes round on the 7th November he will watch this point, and will not effect insurance if there is any chance of the owner engaging in the immigrant business.

That, however, is not in itself quite sufficient because the owner can try another broker, and might succeed. My suggestion is that if I could be supplied from time to time with the names of suspected steamers I could arrange for a confidential communication to be placed before Underwriters, and assuming there was no period insurance in effect at the time, I feel sure that it could be arranged that Underwriters would refuse the risk. Any confidential notice issued to the Underwriters would not involve H.M.G. in any way.

If my suggestion is considered to be of any value, I shall be glad to hear further on the subject, and will advise the definite steps which I propose should be taken. If it is considered desirable, I shall be glad to have a personal discussion with anyone concerned.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) W. E. Hargreaves

P.S. The real owner of this vessel seems to be Pandelis resident in Paris.

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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Ashley Clarke, No. 920 25th September, 1947.

26th September, 1947. D. 12.57 p.m.

5.00 p.m.

26th September, 1947.

DMEDIATE

Following received from Bordeaux telegram Ne. 27 of 25th September.

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Jewish illegal immigration.

S.S. "Pan York" arrived Bordeaux yesterday leaded 750 tens fuel eil sailed teday mid-day for Phillippeville.

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Sir D. Kelly

D. 10.23 a.m. 29th September 1947

29th September 1947

R. 12.50 p.m. 29th September 1947

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IMMEDIATE

Jewish immigrant ships.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs informs me that Paducah and Northlands passed Istanbul without stopping at midnight September 27th.

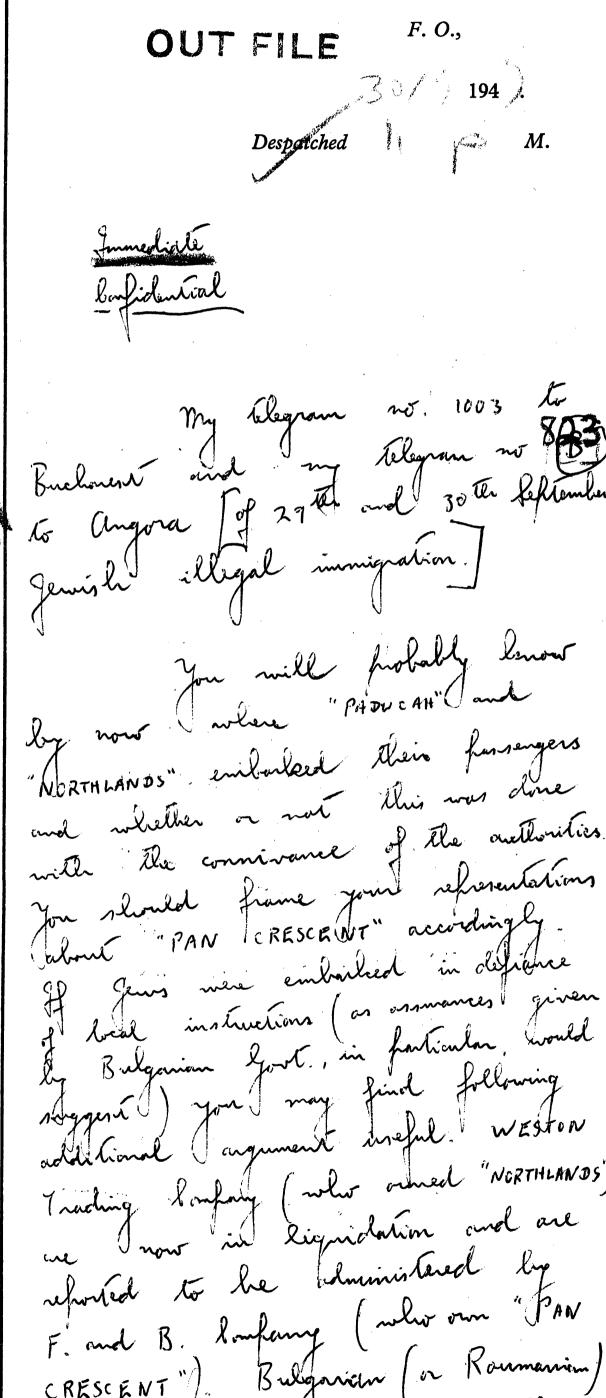
Foreign Office pass to Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean and Bucharest as my telegrams Nos. 1 and 12 respectively.

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Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

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My telegram No. 1,003 to Bucharest and my telegram No. 823 to Angora [of 29th and 30th September: Jewish illegal immigration].

You will probably know by now where "Paducah" and "Northlands" embarked their passengers and whether or not this was done with the connivance of the authorities. You should frame your representations about "Pan Crescent" accordingly. If Jews were embarked in defiance of local instructions (as assurances given by Bulgarian Government, in particular, would suggest) you may find following additional argument useful. Weston Trading Company (who owned "Northlands") are now in liquidation and are reported to be administered by F. and B. Company (who awn "Pan Crescent"). Bulgarian (or Roumanian) Government would, therefore, be justified in imposing a heavy fine on "Northlands" and seizing "Pan Crescent" as security for its payment. French Gevernment took similar action when they seized "Northlands" as security for fines imposed on "President Warfield". In that instance, unfortunately, fine was small enough to be paid, thus releasing "Northlands". Bulgarian (or Roumanian) Government should endeavour to avoid that error.

If action preposed in my telegram No. 323 to Angera is to be effective, His Majesty's Ambassador in Angera must have advance warning of "Pan Crescent's" movements. You should make every effort to keep her under observation and to report her movements.

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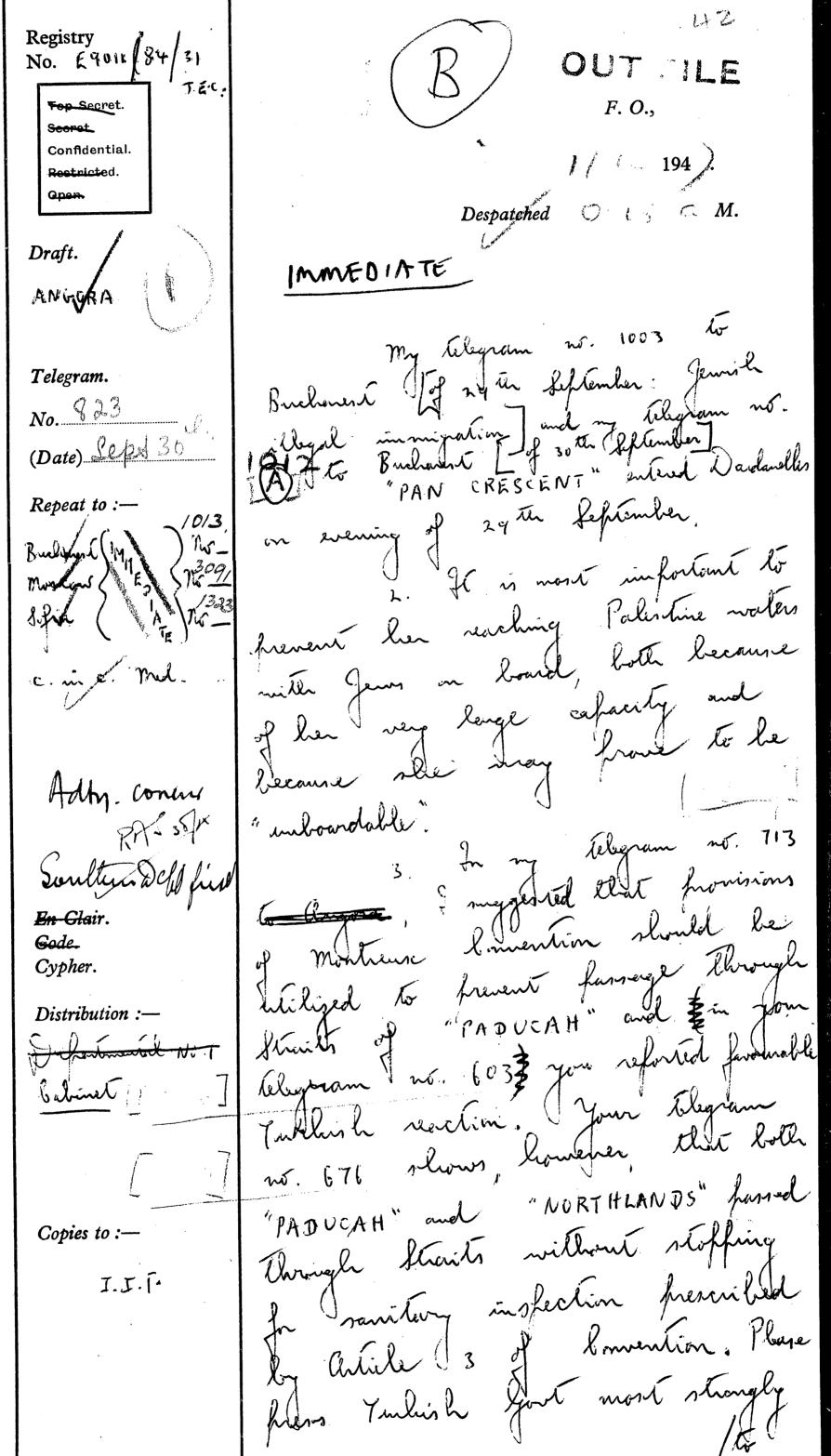
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My telegrams Nos. 1012 to Bucharest and 825 to Angera [of 30th September: Jewish illegal immigration].

When His Majesty's Representative in Sofia (or Bucharest) reports the nature of his representations about "Pan Crescent", please take the matter up with Soviet Government and endeavour to enlist their support locally.



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My telegram No. 1003 to Bucharest [of September 29th: Jewish illegal immigration] and my telegram No. 1012 to Bucharest [of September 30th].

"Pan Crescent" entered Dardanelles on evening of September 29th.

- 2. It is most important to prevent her reaching Palestine waters with Jews on board, both because of her very large capacity and because she may prove to be "unboardable".
- Journal of Montreux Convention should be utilised to provisions of Montreux Convention should be utilised to prevent passage through Straits of "Paducah" and in your telegram No. 605 you reported favourable Turkish reaction. Your telegram No. 676 shows, however, that both "Paducah" and "Northlands" passed through Straits without stopping for sanitary inspection prescribed by Article 3 of Convention. Please press Turkish Government most strongly to detair "Pan Crescent" as suggested in my telegram No. 713 and to take precautions against similar evasion of inspection. You should also suggest imposing a fine on "Northlands" for her infraction of Turkish law and seizing "Pan Crescent" as security therefor.

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Date. 29-9-47.

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To. Admiralty.
Info.Comapl, High Com. Palestine., C. in C. Med. Malta.

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Detailed description of PAN CRESCENT signalled by CHILDERS indicates she may be extremely difficult to board underway. Her large tonnage, high sides and fact that several of her fifteen foot long steel cargo derricks could be secured on board horizontally will be formidable obstacles, and she is reported to have extensive steam pipes round upper deck; indeed she may prove to be in the category "unboardable".

- 2. Following information of intended tactics received from N.O.I.C. Trieste; on arrival in Palestine territorial waters passengers disembark in small boats and when empty ship will be sunk to prevent reshipment of immigrants in her. A motor launch will land crew at prepared place where provision will be made for their return journey.
- Request every possible measure be taken to prevent this ship leaving a Black Sea port loaded and that Turkish authorities be pressed to apply procedure outlined in paragraph three of A.M. 261028 August (not to all) if she does so.

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Advance copies sent D.C. & R.C.

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(BY AIR MAIL)

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FROM:

COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE.

(GOVT.) $C_{L}N_{L}D_{L}$ AUSTRALIA

NEW ZEALAND SOUTH AFRICA

(Sent 4th Oct., 1947.)

D. No. 489 SAVING SECRET.

JEWISH ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

Two Jewish illegal immigrant ships, PADUCAH and NORTHLANDS have now been intercepted off Haifa. We consider that it is almost certain that immigrants on board probably some 4,000 in number were embarked at Bourgas in Bulgaria in spite of repeated representations on our part to Bulgarian Government.

- 2. Official of Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has informed His Hajesty's United Kingdom Hinister, Sofia, that Bulgarian Government felt themselves unable to prevent these embarkations since papers of Jews were in order and all Jews allowed to embark had valid visas for rersia, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon or Egypt. As we regard it as extremely unlikely that any of these states would grant visas to Jewish immigrants, we have asked Bulgarian Government for written confirmation of their attitude.
- 3. Heanwhile, a further vessel PAH CRESCENT, whose owners are believed to be successors of Weston Trading Company, owners of NORTHLANDS, has arrived at Constanza and is expected to attempt to embark 8,000 Jews. Representations are being made to Roumanian Government but we do not expect better co-operation from them than from Bulgarian Government.
- 4. His Majesty's Ambassador Angora has been instructed to represent to Turkish Government urgent need for preventing TAN CRESCENT passing through Dardanelles en route for Palestine, quoting as a pretext for holding her Article 3 of Montreux Convention which prescribes sanitary inspection for all ships passing Straits.

Copy to:-

Foreign Office

Mr. F.T.A. Ashton-Gwatkin

Mr. J.P.G. Finch (4)

Mr. J.E. Cable

C.R.O.(King Charles St.) Mr. K. Barnes (4)

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4 Wilton Place, London, S.W.1.

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London, 30th September, 1947.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's note No. ⊕ 8450/84/31 with regards to the two ships "Paducah" and "Northlands", both of which are expected to attempt to embark Jewish illegal immigrants from a Black Sea Port in the very near future.

I have taken all the necessary steps with our Government to withdraw registration of these ships but it seems that our Government instructed our Minister in Paris to do the necessary investigations. Up to the present moment I have had no further news about these ships, although I am of the opinion that our Government seems reluctant to take immediate steps due to information sent directly to Panama by our Consul General in London with regards to an alleged boycto suffered by our ships in territorial waters and sea-ports of the United Kingdom.

I was instructed by our Government to take the necessary steps with the Foreign Office in order to cease these alleged boycots and addressed to you my Note LFO/152 of August 4th and was replied by your Note No. AN 3051/11/32 of 16th September in which you state that "the Panamanian Government can rest assured that if any measures such as you mention have in fact been taken, it has been solely because the ship concerned has been suspected of engaging in this traffic". The Foreign Office also asked in this note for the names of the Panamanian ships which are alleged to have been subjected to discrimination. I asked our Consul General in London to furnish me with these names but up to the present moment no reply has been received by me.

I have the honour to copy translations of cable grams crossed between myself and our Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores with regards to these ships:

EXTERIORES/

The Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin, H.M. Secretary for Foreign Affairs, For eign Office, S.W.l.

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"EXTERIORES - PANAMA - NUMBER 40 STOP LONDON NEWSPAPERS
"HAVE NEWS SHIP PANAMA FLAG IS MEDITERRANEAN PORTS BUYING
"PROVISIONS AND SUPPLIES TWO THOUSAND PASSENGERS ALTHOUGH
"SHIP HAS NO FACILITIES ON BOARDS THESE NUMBER PASSENGERS
"STOP SHIP NAMED PADUCAH ACCRODING NEWSPAPERS NOT
"REGISTERED ANY MARITIME REGISTER STOP THIS LEGATION ASKS
"INVESTIGATION OUR SHIPS SECTION TO VERIFY REGISTRATION
"THIS SHIP AND ACT SUCH WAY PREVENT THIS SHIP CRAWLS
"PALESTINE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CAUSING OUR REPUTATION
"ONCE MORE IN DOUBT - MINISTER PORRAS

"PANALEGA - LONDON - NUMBER 218 STOP REFERENCE YOURS 40 INFORM YOU GOVERNMENT HAS INSTRUCTED MINISTER PARIS "INVESTIGATE CASE SHIP PADUCAH ALSO SHIP NORTHLANDS "ACCUSED ATTEMPTS ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES STOP AWAITING "INFORMATION MINISTER PARIS TAKE CORRESPONDING ACTION - "EXTERIORES"

"EXTERIORES - PANAMA - NUMBER 45 STOP IN FRIENDLY
"CONFERENCE WITH MINISTER BEVIN TODAY HE ASKED ME TO
"ASK OUR GOVERNMENT TAKE NECESSARY STEPS AGAINST SHIPS
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"SHIPS AND ALL OTHER SHIPS THAT USING OUR FLAG DISCREDIT
"OUR COUNTRY AND VIOLATE INTERNATIONAL LAWS - MINISTER
"PORRAS

In view that I did not receive any answer to my cablegram No. 45 to our Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, I sent them my cablegram No. 47, which I take the liberty to translate:

"EXTERIORES - PANAMA - NUMBER 47 STOP - RECEIVED NOTE "FOREIGN OFFICE IN WHICH WITH MANY DETAILS THEY PROVE "PANAMA SHIPS PADUCAH AND NORTHLANDS PREPARE EMBARK "BLACK SEA PORTS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT JEWS TO PALESTINE "STOP MINISTER BEVIN INSISTS THIS PROBLEM IS UREGENT "AND EXCEPTIONALLY IMPORTANT STOP HE ASKS ME TO TAKE

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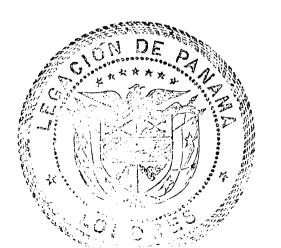
Your Excellency will note from these cablegrams that I have taken all the necessary steps to cease the illegal traffic of our ships, but there seems that hidden forces, specially in London, have great interest in preventing an investigation and any action by our Government. In view of this, I communicated directly by cablegram with the President of Panama himself and have been granted permission to leave England and direct myself to Panama in order to give the necessary information to start a general investigation and punish the guilty parties.

I shall be most obliged if Your Excellency could supply me with the necessary information with regards to specific cases of ships suspected of being engaged in illegal activities, cases in which Consular inspections are a farse, etc. etc.

With this information I promise Your Excellency that I will use all my power and influence in order that our Government take the necessary steps in ceasing and preventing our ships to commit illegal actions, for I do not accept that any person should take advantage of our Flag for the making of easy fortunes.

Believe me, Your Excellency, with my highest esteem and consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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To:
Mr. Greenway,

PANAMA

(from

Mr. Burrows.)

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

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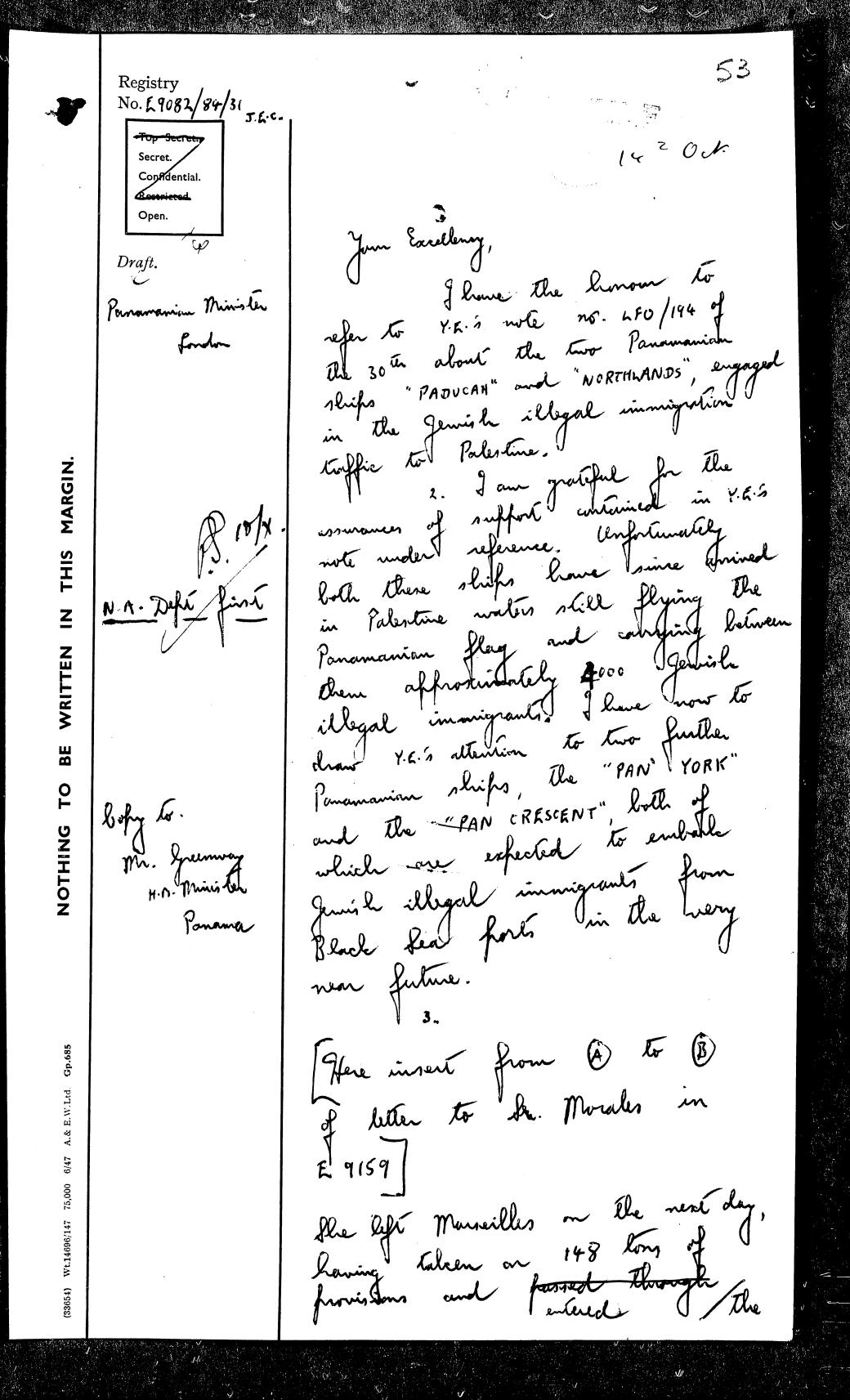
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J.D. Greenway, Esq., Panama. (Sad. B.A.B. Burows.

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Lith October, 1947.

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Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's Note No. LFC/194 of the 30th September about the two Panementan ships "Peducah" and "Northlands", engaged in the Jewish illegal immigration traffic to Palestine.

- contained in Your Excellency's note under reference.
 Unfortunately both these ships have since arrived in
 Falestine maters still flying the Faremarian flag and
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 two further Faremanian chips, the "Fan York" and the
 "Fan Crescent", both of which are expected to order to
 ewigh illegal immigrants from Black See ports in the
 very near future.
- registered tons, owned by the F. and B. Shipping Company of Fanama. The New York agent (and probably the controlling force) of this Company is a certain Nathan (or Nathaniel) Cohen of the Nautical Chipping and Servicing Company, who appears to be identical with the Nathaniel Cohen who controlled the activities of the Nathaniel Cohen who controlled the Americal Sand Which is now in the process of liquidation. The Marseilles agents of this ship are Ginesta and Company, who have also acted for the San Dimitrio", "Merica", "San Miguel", "Ulva", "San Filipo", "Guardian", "Anal", "Tresident Warfield", "Bruns" and "Luciano", all of which reached Palestine waters with Lewish illegal immigrants on board.

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Senor Dr. Don Demetrio A. Forras, etc., et

The ownership and commexions of this ship are themselves sufficient to arouse suspicions, which have been strengthened by her subsequent activities. She left New York on the 22md May, ostensibly for Istanbul. In actual fact, however, after calling at Genea, the arrived at Marceilles on the 4th July, where her presence attracted the attention of the French police. From Marseilles she sailed to Sari in French Morocco, where she loaded a cargo of Phospates, osteneibly for Antwerp. Unco again she belied her declared intentions and discharged her cargo at Houen, salling thence on the Elst September for Bordonus, where she arrived on the 24th September, amounced her destimation as Philipville (Algeria) and sailoù again on the 25th September. She passed the Straits of Cibreltar on the 28th September, giving her destination as Oran, but turned North and urrived at marcelllos on the 2nd between. The left Marcellles on the next day, having taken on 146 tons of provisions and entered the Black Sea on the 9th October.

are the same as those of the "Pan York", though a notoriously extreme Sionist, Paul Schulman, has been acting as her agent in Venice, where she arrived on the let August. The crew which had brought her from Panama was dismissed as soon as she arrived (a feature common to most ships engaged in the illegal immigration traffic) a new crew was engaged by Schulman. She left Venice on the 25th September, extensibly for Casablanca, but sailed instead to Constanza, arriving on the let october. She is expected to embark up to 8,000 sewish illegal immigrants from the same region as the "Padacah" and the "Northlands". Bunks are now being installed and advance parties of sews have already reached Constanza. Imbarkation will probably take place within the next few days.

6. I, therefore, have the honour to invite Your Excellency to bring these facts to the attention of the

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Coverment of Panese and to request them, as a matter of urgency and importance, to consider whether they would not now be justified in at once withGrawing Permanulan registry from these two ships. bardly point out that this action, if it is to be effective, must be taken immediately.

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(For the Secretary of State)

(Sqd.) B. A.B. Burows.

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FROM ANGORA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir D. Kelly. No. 685.

D. 3.45 p.m. 1st-October 1947.

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Your telegram 823.

My telegram 676 said that the Paducah and the Horthland "passed Istanbul (Constantinople) without stopping". They were subjected to sanitary visit at sea in the Straits under the Montreux Convention, and Admiralty were informed by N.A. of their passage. Neither ship therefore put in at Turkish port; and port dues owing on previous voyage were paid by the shipping agent on September 27th afternoon, thus removing this ground for detention.

- 2. This morning I expressed regret to the Secretary General of Ministry of Foreign Affairs that action had not been found possible under Turkish regulations corresponding to the international conventions for safety of life at sea (to which Turkey is not a party) and pressed for such action in the event of the Pan Crescent returning through the Straits. I said you had been naturally disappointed in view of his previous favourable reaction. Secretary General re-affirmed his complete sympathy and said that he had pressed the competent department to "find some trick" for holding the ships even though they were in order under the Montreux Convention but the authorities concerned were frankly afraid.
- 3. He said that if they invoked the pretext of safety at sea it would not (repeat not) be logical to send them back into the Black Sea. He volunteered he would investigate the alternative possibility of stopping such ships coming into [grps. omtd.] about the approach of the Fan York.

Foreign Office please pass to Bucharest, Moscow and Commander in Chief Rediterranean as my telegrams Nos. 13, 21 and 2 respectively. /Repeated....

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6th October, 1947.

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Thank you for your letter of 1st October regarding the action you have taken in pressing for the cancellation of Panamanian registry in the case of ships involved in the Jewish illegal immigrant traffic.

he have much appreciated the cooperation which you have extended to the British authorities in regard to suspect ships in British ports applying for, or already in the possession of, Panamanian registry. It has also been useful to have your advice on ships of Panama flag operating elsewhere in European waters. Your helpful attitude in these metters has been yery valuable.

(J.G.S. Beith)

Senor Don Eusebio A. Morales. Panamanian Legation, 123, Warnford Court, Throgmorton Street. E.C. 2.

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1st October, 1947.

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Dear Sirs,

Referring to our recent conversation on the telephone with Mr. Cable regarding the "City of Athens", we have obtained the following information from our Clients, which we pass on to you in confidence.

Further to your letter of the Sard instant, I have to advise you that the CITY OF ATHENS was originally owned by SOC. NAVIERA TRANSATLANTIC S.A. under Honduras Flag. Managers S.A.T.I. Stevenson & Co. Inc., and was offered by public auction to the highest bidder.

Our esteemed friend and client, Ir. Eug. Eugenides a Greek subject, was the highest bidder for the ship, which ne purchased for his Panamanian Company styled Panamanian LINES INC. The Transfer of the vessel to the Panamanian Flag was effected on the 14th August last while the ship was at Baltimore. The vessel is now renamed PROTEA and is sailing from Baltimore for Genoa tomorrow the 1st prox.

Er. Eugenides runs a Passenger Line from South Africa to South America, and ne has no doubt purchased this vessel to operate on this line, after he has effected repairs, etc., at Genoa.

Mr. Eugenides should be quite well-known to the Government Departments here, and we ourselves can vouch for his integrity."

> We have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient Servants, Androm

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FROM SOFIA TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Sterndale Bennett. No. 1244.

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Your telegrams No. 1012 to Bucharest and 823 to Angora and my telegram 1237.

Since "Pan Crescent" is so near Bulgarian waters I decided to follow up note verbale with personal visit to Minister for Foreign Affairs on October 2nd to stress the urgency and importance of stopping this illegal traffic. I emphasised that [? grp. omtd.] the question was not primarily Anglo-Bulgarian I was entitled to ask for cooperation since it was an international responsibility to avoid any action which might prejudice the solution of the Palestine problem now before United Nations or affect status que pending the selution. To my direct question whether the Jews on board "Paducah" and "Northlands" had embarked with the consent of the Bulgarian authorities or in defiance of instructions issued according to deportation note verbale of September 2nd (paragraph 1 of my telegram 1126) Minister for Foreign Affairs said that the Bulgarian Government had been willing to prevent embarkation of Jews for Palestine but were stalled with the statement that persons embarked had valid visas for other countries. pointed out that this was all part of the racket. Minister For Foreign Affairs harped [grp. undec. ? thereafter] on the difficulty of refusing facilities for ships and the necessity for keeping within international practice. I urged the necessity of exceptional measures and more particularly of checking up on the destinations of travellers on suspected ships. When Minister for Foreign Affairs said that this



would be difficult in the case of countries with which Bulgaria was not in Diplomatic relations I said we would be glad to undertake enquiry if given the facts.

- 2. I also asked why Bulgaria should allow herself to become a channel for this traffic. Why not stop immigrants from entering Bulgaria unless satisfied about their ultimate destinations? Minister for Foreign Affairs admitted the desirability of finding some solution and seemed to think this last suggestion promising. I pressed him hard for an assurance that the Bulgarian Government were willing in principle to stop the traffic and emphasised the serious responsibility, both internationally and towards the individuals concerned, of any Government which facilitated it. All the Minister for Foreign Affairs would say however was that the question was evidently more complicated than he had realised and that he would study it with a sincere desire to avoid misunderstandings. I underlined the urgency since "Pan Crescent" was practically on his door-step and he expressed the fervent hape that the vessel might go to Roumania instead.
- telegram to Bucharest No. 1012 has no immediate value here since Bulgarian authorities undoubtedly connived at embarkation at least to the extent of being willingly deceived by estensible destinations. But I did suggest in the course of the above interview that in cases where false pretences were proved sanctions might be taken against the vessel concerned if she returned or against any other vessel under the same ownership.

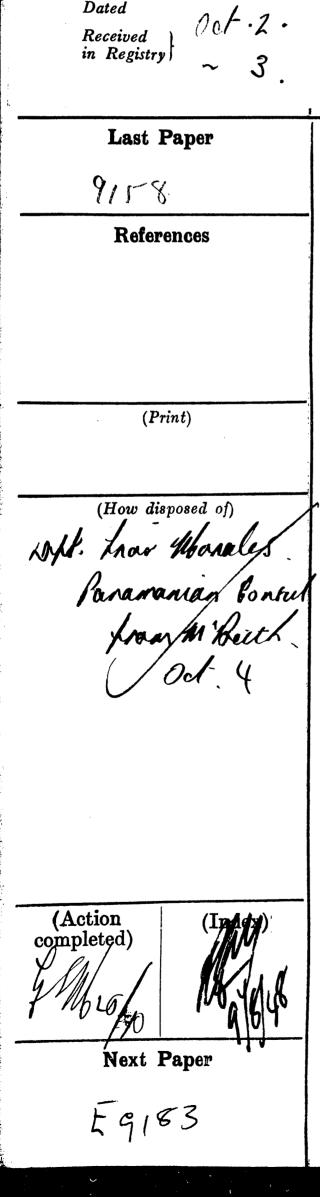
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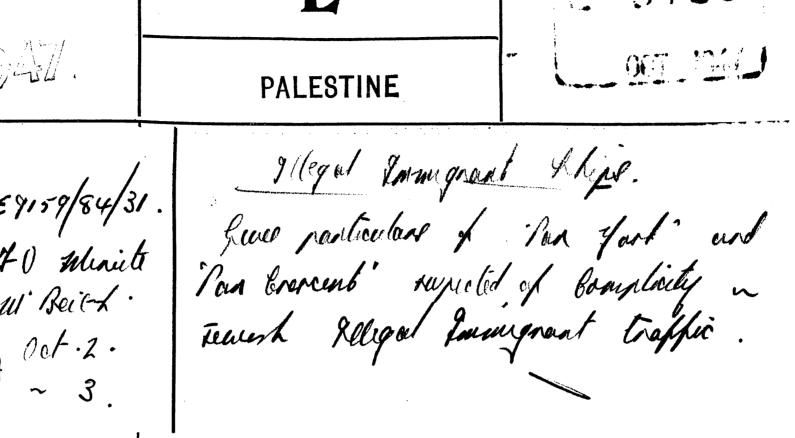
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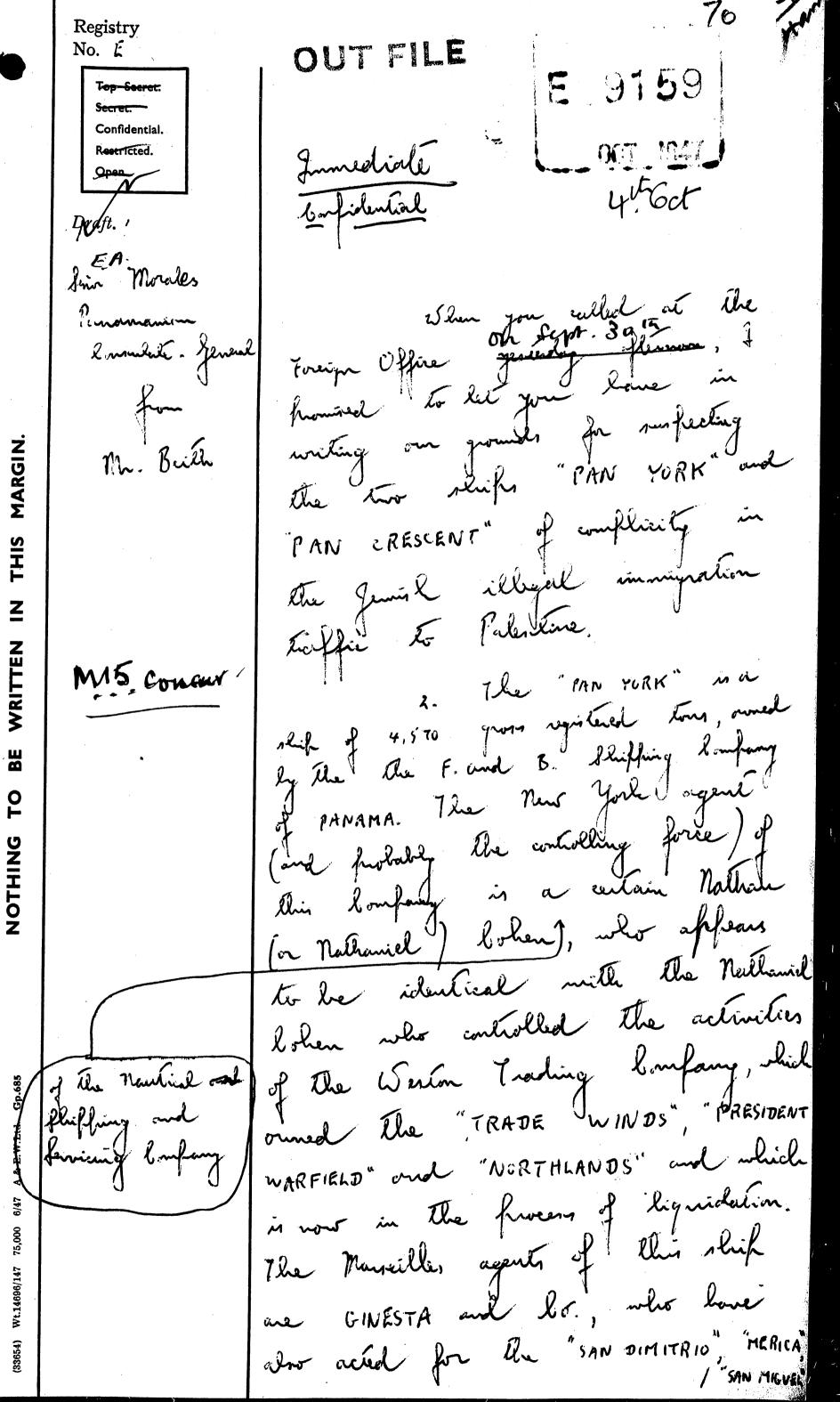
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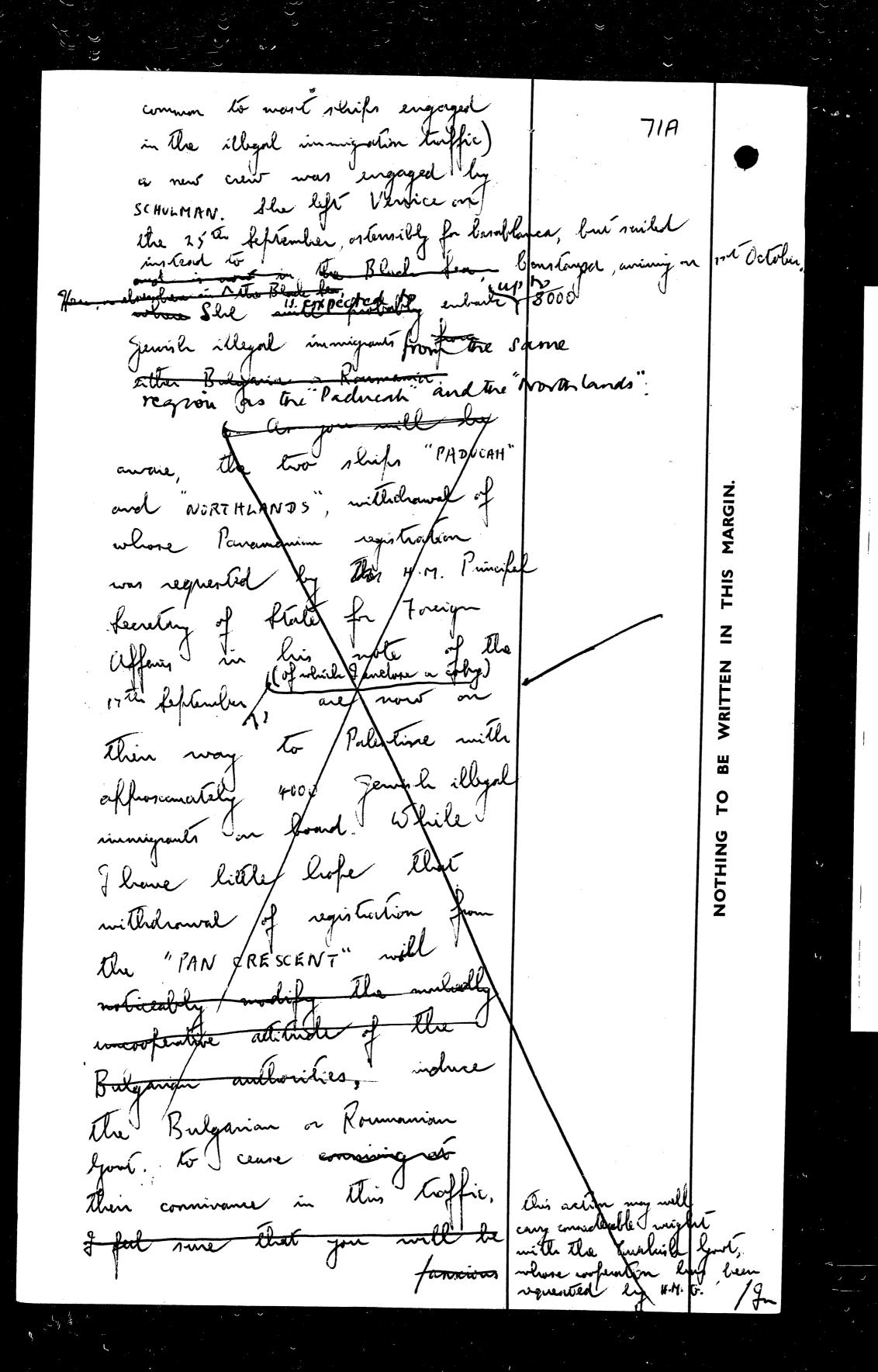
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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W. 1.

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4th October, 1947.

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When you called at the Foreign Office on 30th September, I promised to let you have in writing our grounds for suspecting the two ships "Pan York" and "Pan Crescent" of complicity in the Jewish illegal immigration traffic to Palestine.

The "Pan York" is a ship of 4,570 gross registered tons, owned by the F. and B. Shipping Company of Panama. The New York agent (and probably the controlling force) of this Company is a certain Nathan (or Nathaniel) Cohen of the Nautical Shipping and Servicing Company, who appears to be identical with the Nathaniel Cohen who controlled the activities of the Weston Trading Company, which owned the "Trade Winds", "President Warfield" and "Northlands" and which is now in the process of liquidation. The Marseilles agents of this ship are Ginesta and Company, who have also acted for the "San Dimitrio", "Merica", "San Miguel", "Ulva", "San Filipo", "Guardian", "Anal", "President Warfield", "Bruna" and "Luciano", all of which reached Palestine waters with Jewish illegal immigrants on board.

The ownership and connexions of this ship are themselves sufficient to arouse suspicions, which have been strengthened by her subsequent activities. She left New York on the 22nd May, ostensibly for Istanbul. In actual fact, however, after calling at Genoa, she arrived at Marseilles on the 4th July, where her present attracted

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attracted the attention of the French police. From Marseilles she sailed to Safi in French Morocco, where she loaded a cargo of Phospates, ostensibly for Antwerp. Once again she belied her declared intentions and discharged her cargo at Rouen, sailing thence on the 21st September for Bordeaux, where she arrived on the 24th, announced her destination as Philipville (Algeria) and sailed again on the 25th. She passed the Straits of Gibraltar on the 28th, giving her destination as Oran, but turned North and arrived at Marseilles on 2nd October. A party of legal immigrants to Palestine is due to embark there within the next few days, and it seems possible that the "Pan York" may attempt to embark illegal immigrants at the same time, using the presence of the legal Jewish immigrants as a screen for the assembly of an illegal party.

4. The suspicious character of this ship's activities was particularly noticeable during her stay at Rouen, where she was visited by a number of Jews and equipment of an unusual nature (described as "cattle fittings" but probably intended for bunks etc.) was ordered.

5. The "Pan Crescent's" size, owner and agents are the same as those of the "Pan York", though a notoriously extreme Zionist, Paul Schulman, has been acting as her agent in Venice, where she arrived on the 1st August. The crew which had brought her from Panama was dismissed as soon as she arrived (a feature common to most ships engaged in the illegal immigration traffic) a new crew was engaged by Schulman. She left Venice on the 25th September, ostensibly for Casablanca, but sailed instead to Constanza, a riving on 1st October. She is expected to embark up to 8000 Jewish illegal immigrants from the same region as the "Paducah" and the "Northlands".

I enclose a copy of the Note to your Legation of which I spoke to you, for case of reference. I am sure we can rely on the Panamanian authorities to /co-operate

co-operate in denying their flag to this traffic.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

17th September, 1947.

No. E 845**0**/84/31.

our Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the conversation which I had with you on the 10th September, about the employment of shipping registered under Panama flag by the organizers of Jewish illegal immigration to Palestine. Your Excellency will recall that I referred, in particular, to the two ships "Paducah" and "Northlands", both of which are expected to attempt to embark Jewish illegal immigrants from a Black Sea port in the very near future.

2. The "Paducah" is an ex-coastguard cutter of 915 gross registered tons which has been converted to a passenger ship by her owners, the Montrose Shipping Company of New York. She left Bayonne, where she had embarked large supplies of provisions, 800 lifesaving appliances and quantities of barbed wire (for defence against boarding) on the 4th August, declaring her destination as Leghorn. In actual fact, however, having called at Hone in Algeria on the 13th August, she arrived at Varna in Bulgaria on the 22nd August. Either here or from a Roumanian port, according to His Majesty's Government's information, she is likely to embark approximately 2,000 Jewish illegal immigrants. I enclose a copy of this ship's manifest, showing the large quantities of provisions carried by her. Your Excellency will note that, among the other items listed, are, 3,372 meal kits and 3,762 canteens and cups. It is obvious that so small a ship could not possibly carry legal passengers in the numbers indicated by these supplies. In any case, this vessel has no certificate to carry passengers and, by international maritime regulations, is therefore entitled to take no more than 12. These facts alone are sufficient to make sufficiently clear the purpose for which she is intended. When I inform Your Excellency that she carries a Jewish crew of 38 (which exceeds the normal requirements of a ship of this size) and that a certain Harold Diamond, who was responsible for the arrival in Palestine waters of the illegal immigration ship "Trade Winds", is known to be connected with her, you will realise that the grounds of His Majesty's Government's suspicions are strong enough to amount virtually to certainty.

3. The "Northlands" is also an ex-coastguard cutter, but of 1,273 gross registered tons and owned by the Weston Trading Company of New York. The same firm owned the "President Warfield" and the "Trade Winds", both of which reached Palestine waters with Jewish illegal immigrants on board. The "Northlands", which has also taken on board provisions, life-saving appliances and barbed wire, left Bayonne on the 26th August. She declared her destination as Genoa but,

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His Excellency

Senor Dr. Don Demetrio A. Porras, etc., etc., etc., 123, Warnford Court, Throgmorton St. E.C.2

without calling anywhere en route, entered the Dardanciles on the 12th September. She is apparently making for a Black Sea port, with the intention of embarking Jewish illegal immigrants there. His Majesty's Government have already received reports that there is a large party of Jews equipped with alleged Uruguayan visas awaiting embarkation. The Uruguayan Government, who have been approached on this subject, have categorically denied the authenticity of these visas.

4. Your Excellency will be aware of the importance His Majesty's Government attach to the prevention of Jewish illegal immigration. Pending a decision by the United Nations on the future of Palestine His Majesty's Government are responsible not only for the maintainance of law and order in that country, but also for ensuring that nothing is done to prejudice the eventual decision of the United Nations. Illegal immigration not only aggravates an already tense and delicate situation involving bloodshed and loss of life in Palestine but also inflicts much unnecessary suffering on the unfortunate victims of a traffic organised for purely political ends. In endeavouring to prevent the departure of ships packed with Jewish illegal immigrants far beyond the limits imposed by the International Conventions for the Safety of Life at Sea and respecting Load Bines, His Majesty's Government are actuated by humanitarian motives as well as by considerations of their duty as the mandatory power. In this connexion I would refer Your Excellency to the letter of 29th May in which the Secretary General of the United Nations invited all members of that organisation to consider the request by His Majesty's Government that members should do everything in their power to discourage illegal immigration, and also to the resolution passed by the General Assembly on the 13th May in the following terms: -

"The General Assembly calls upon all Governments and peoples and particularly on the inhabitants of Palestine, to refrain, pending action by the Gene al Assembly on the report of the Special Committee on Palestine, from the threat or use of force or any other action which might create an atmosphere prejudicial to an early settlement of the question of Palestine".

5. The efforts of His Majesty's Government to detain the "Paducah" and the "Northlands" and to prevent these vessels from embarking Jewish illegal immigrants would be considerably facilitated by the withdrawal of Panamanian Registration. Representations to this effect have already been made to the Government of Panama and to the Panamanian Minister in Paris. The Government of Panama have, however, replied that Panamanian Law does not permit cancellation of registration unless certain unspecified formalities are first fulfilled.

They have accordingly requested His Majesty's Government to furnish them with proof that these vessels are engaged in the illegal immigration traffic.

6. In the light of the facts given above, I am sure that Your Excellency will agree that a compelling case has been made out against these two ships. I am well aware of the importance attached by the Government of Panama to the growth of their Mercantile Marine and I would not request the withdrawal of Panamanian registration from these vessels unless I was very sure that the suspicion with which their activities are regarded by His Majesty's Government was fully justified. As you will readily appreciate, formal proof that a ship is engaged in this traffic can never be provided until she actually arrives in Palestine waters with Jewish illegal immigrants on board, by which time any attempt at intervention would be useless. All that can be done at that juncture is to impound the vessel in accordance with the provisions of Palestine law.

7. I accordingly have the honour to invite you to convey my views to the Government of Panama and to request them, as a matter of urgency and importance, to consider whether they would not now be justified in at once withdrawing Panamanian registry from the "Paducah" and the "Northlands".

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,
Your Excellency's obedient Servant,
(For the Secretary of State)

(Signed) B.A.B. Burrows.

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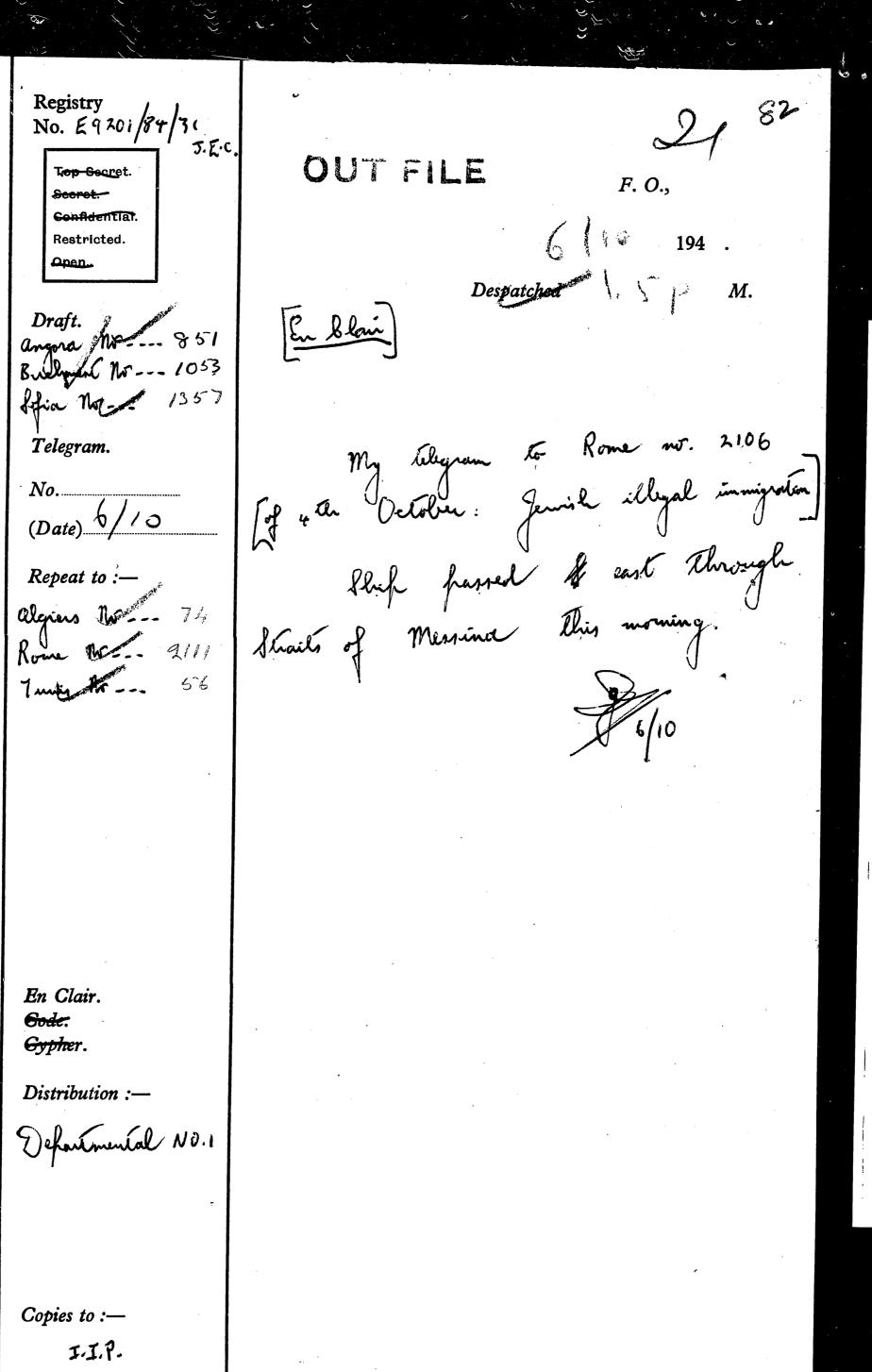
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Pan York left Marseilles at 1800 hours to-day nominally for Sfax with 148 tons of provisions of American origin. No passenger on board. I confirm that the vessel refuelled here. Malta informed.

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6th October, 1947. D: 1.5 p.m. 6th October, 1947.

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My telegram to Rome No. 2106 [of 4th October: Jewish illegal immigration].

Ship passed east through Straits of Messina this morning.

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Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean

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"Pan York" (whose particulars are contained in Forthnightly List of Suspect Shipping) left Marseilles empty on evening of 3rd October, ostensibly for Sfax. She carries 148 tons of food and may, therefore, intend to embark illegal immigrants in the very near future.

- 2. Her position at 0900 hours 4th October was 42 degrees North 7 degrees East, when she was heading South-East. She is being shadowed by H.M.S. Chivalrous.
- 3. This ship is very dangerous, being capable of embarking 8,000 Jews and large and fast enough to stand a chance of breaking through naval corden to beach herself on Palestine shore. If reports received from Commander in Chief Mediterranean suggest she is making for a port within your jurisdiction, you should warn local authorities and request them to take precautions against embarkation and to deny ship fuel and facilities.

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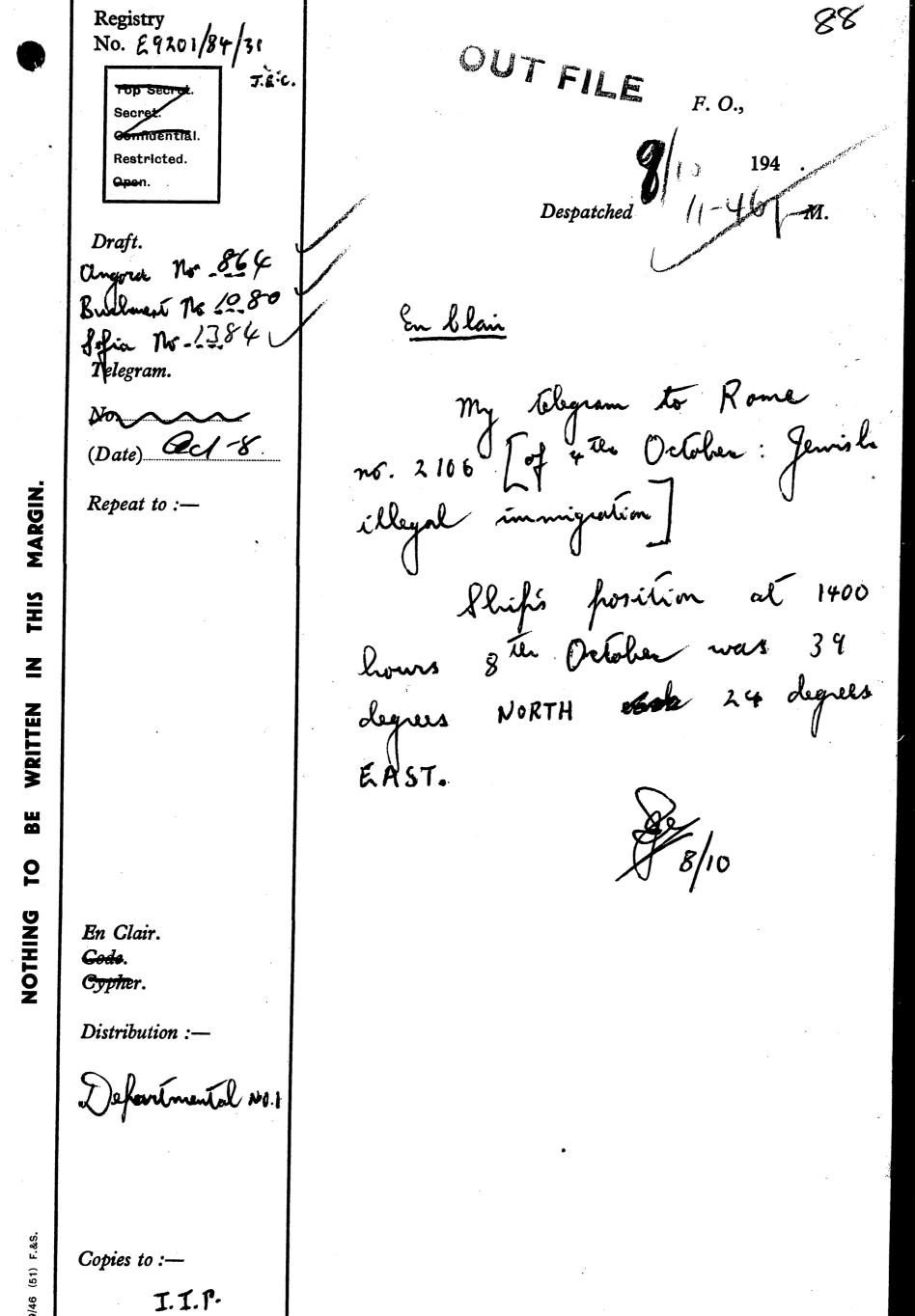
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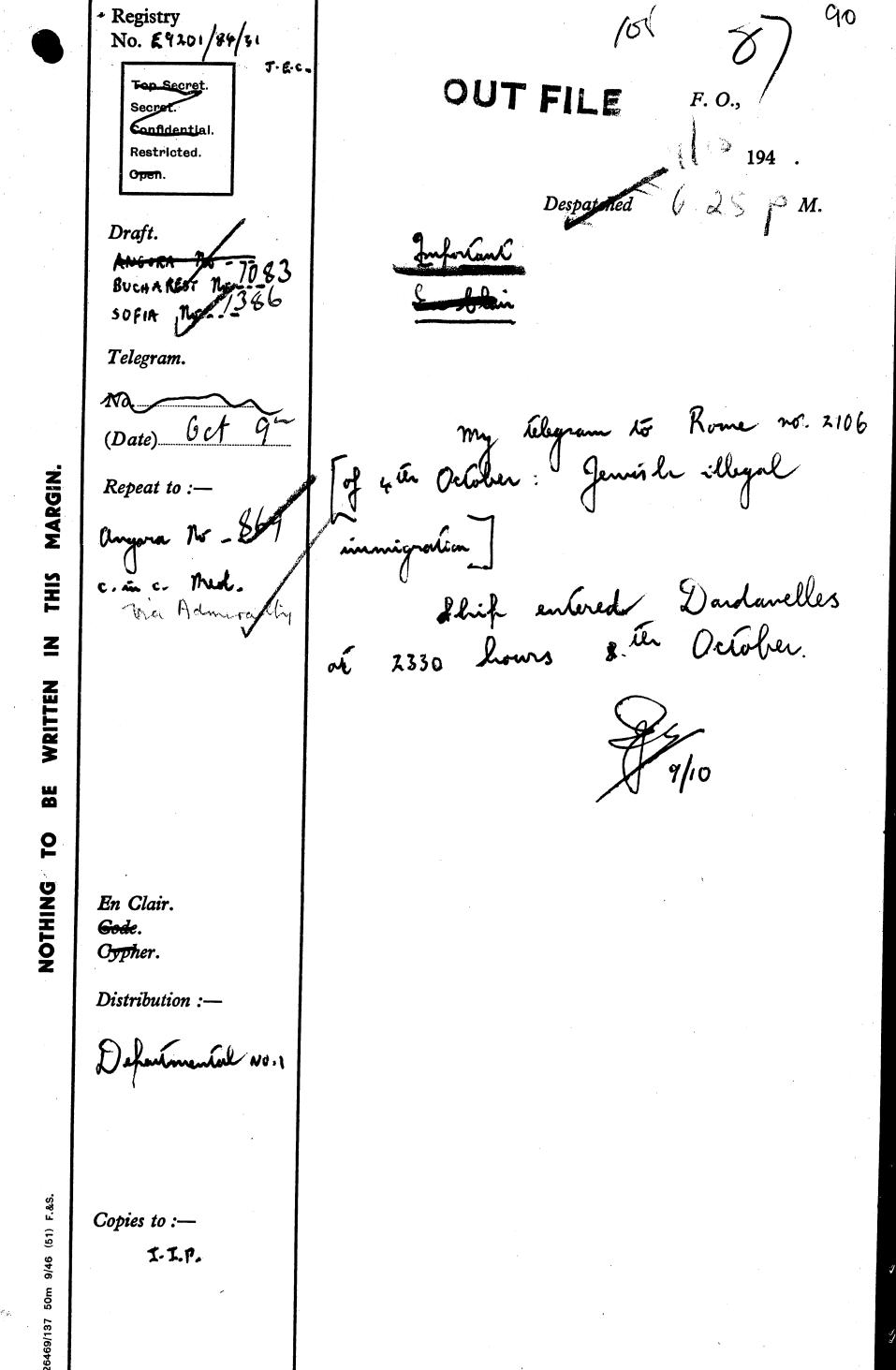
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My telegram to Rome No: 2106 [of 4th October: Jewish illegal immigration].

Ship entered Dardanelles at 2550 hours 8th October.

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My telegram to Rome No.2106 (of 4th October: Jewish illegal immigration).

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10th October, 1947.

D: 1.58 p.m.10th October,1947.

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Mr. Ashley Clarke. No. 956.

D. 4.24 p.m. 4th October 1947.

4th October 1947.

R. 5.30 p.m. 4th October 1947.

IMPORTANT.

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Please pass following to Admiralty for Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean repeated Chivalrous.

From B. N. A. Paris.

Telegram of October 3rd from Consul

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Pass following to Admiralty for Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean and H.M.S. Chivalrous.

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To Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean. Information Admiralty and H.M.S. Chivalrous. Secret.

Pan York left Marseilles at 1800 Friday October 3rd nominally for Sfax. No passengers. 148 tons provisions. It is confirmed vessel refuelled at Marseilles.

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel.

D: 12.20 p.m. 3rd October, 1947.

No. 5.349. 2nd October, 1947.

R: 6.40 p.m. 3rd October, 1947.

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Chancery letter to Eastern Department July 26th about 'His Majesty's ship Anguilla.

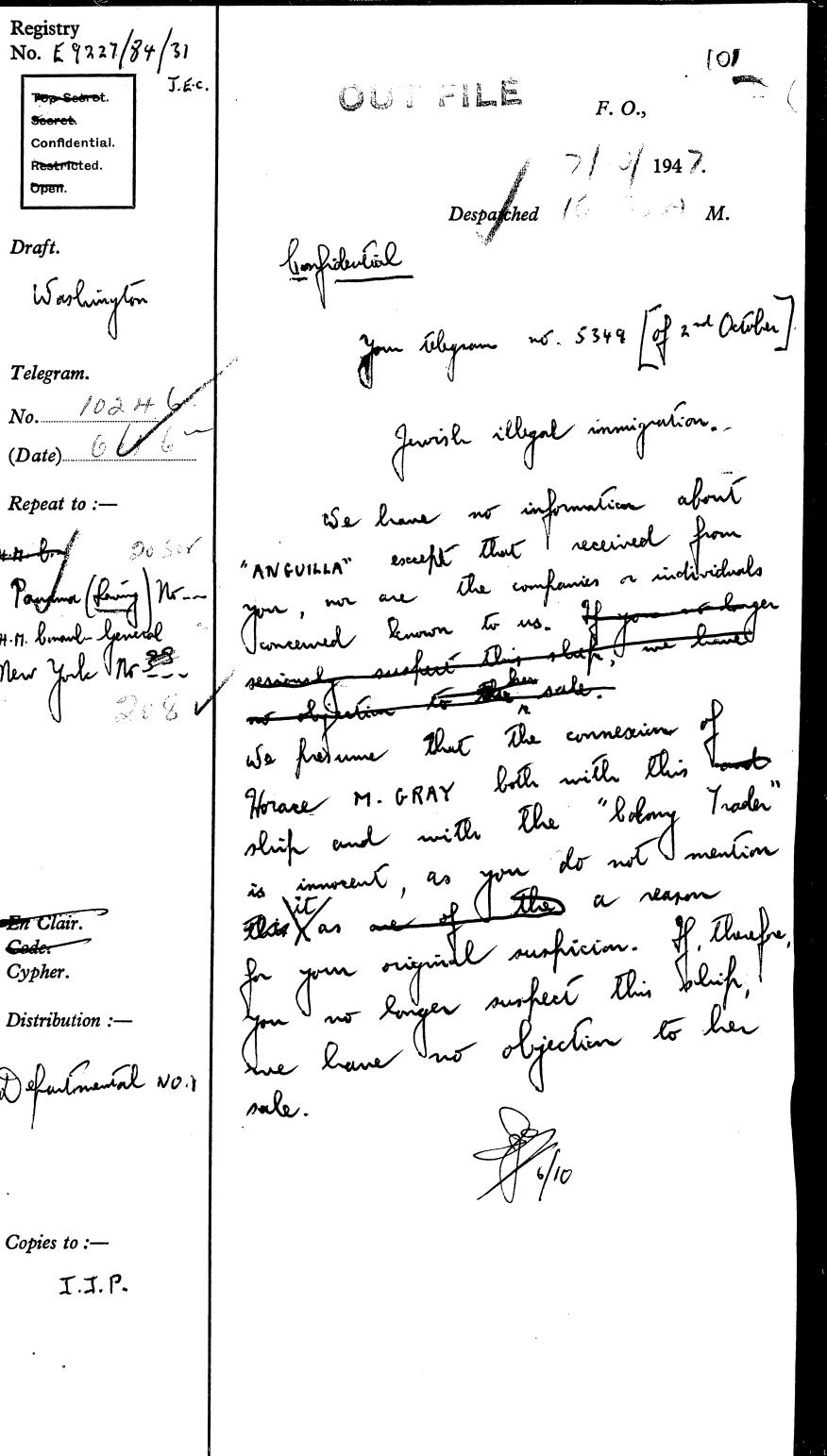
State Department have received additional information about this application to the effect that ship is about 1110 tons gross and that directors of applicant firm are William A. Cally, George Rycands Oulis and Stelios (Stanley M) Rose all New York. They own one third share each.

2. State Department are now being pressed very hard for a decision and do not feel able to defer to London beyond October 7th. I feel bound to give them an indication of our views soon since they were under no obligation to consult us and did so confidentially in order to help. As ship has not appeared on suspected shipping list I propose to say that we [? grp.omtd. ? have] no objection unless I hear from you to the contrary by date mentioned. I doubt whether State Department will be able to delay decision much longer than that unless there were strong grounds for suspecting the ship which does not appear to be case.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO WASHINGTON

No. 10246

6th October, 1947. D: 10.35 a.m. 7th October, 1947.

Repeated to: Panama No. 20 saving Hew York No. 208

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Your telegram No. 5349 [of 2nd October].

Jewish illegal immigration.

We have no information about "Anguilla" except that received from you, nor are the companies or individuals concerned known to us.

We presume that the connexion of Horace M. Gray both with this ship and with the "Colony Trader" is innocent, as you do not mention it as a reason for your original suspicion. If therefore, you no longer suspect this ship, we have no objection to her sale. G G

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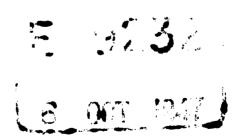
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Your telegram No. 2106. addressed to Rome.

I discussed the general question of illegal immigration ships for Palestine with diplomatic secretary at Residency General at first routine contact yesterday.

- 2. He said 1929 Safety at Sea Genventien had not been extended to the French Empire (see Article 62). He was unaware of the situation as regards leading line convention.
 - 3. Can you confirm the former and clarify the latter. Please repeat Paris as my telegram Ne. 11. [Repeated to Paris].

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HIS Majesty's Charge d'Affaiges Paris.

presents his compliments to H.M.P.S. of S. for F.A. and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

3rd October, 194...7.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
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British Embassy.

Paris.

3rd Getober, 1947.

His Majesty's Embessy present their compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and have the honour to draw the Ministry's attention to the arrival at Merseille of the M.S. Pan York, a vessel which is believed to be destined for the transport of illegal immigrants to Felestine.

- 2. The S.S. Pan York is owned by the F. &. B. Shipping Co., Faname, and the Merseille agents are Ginesta and Co. She is an oil-burning vessel with a gross registered tonnage of 4570 tons, 2754 tons not, and can carry 8250 passengers. When she left Mordosux on the 24th September, she was believed to be bound for Philippeville, but has now returned to Marseille, where she was inspected by the French Police in August.
- J. S.S. Pen York was at Rouen in September, and reports received at that time tended to confirm the suspicions which were already entertained with regard to this vessel. His sejesty's Embanay would accordingly be grateful if the French suthorities would dony all facilities to the S.S. Fen York, and take appropriate measures to ensure that she does not embark illegal Jewish immigrants.

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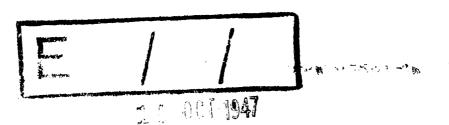
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Addressed Admiralty, (?Med), COMPAL, B.N.A. Ankara, Info. C. in C. (?Med), COMPAL, B.N.A.

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Number 249 PAN YORK passed into Black Sea 1440B today Thursday.

2 Admiralty please pass to all except Ankara.

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

Cypher (O.T.P.)

6 OCT 1947

FROM PALESTINE (General A. Cunningham)

D. 1st october, 1947. R. lst

20.00 hrs.

No.1841 Secret.

Illegal Immigration Policy.

Following passage occurs in a Reuter message Begins. No.49 of 29th september.

"A British Foreign Office spokesman hinted today that if 2,500 Jewish passengers aboard the two ships PADUCAH and NORTHLANDS tried to land in Palestine, they might be returned to Bulgaria and Roumania.

He did not indicate what action the British authorities would take, but said that the normal international practice would be to return them to their countries of originin this case Bulgaria and Roumania".

- The message goes on to give details of PADUCAH and NORTHLANDS and refers to negotiations between H. M. G. and the Covernments of Bulgaria and Roumania.
- Message caused considerable excitement here; publication of passage quoted, dealing with refoulement, was prohibited by the Censor as its appearance in the local press would have been calculated to be prejudicial to public order.
- A further quotation of the Foreign Office spokesman, giving details and movement of PAN YORK and PAN CRESCENT, has appeared in today's "Palestine Post" and has again produced some excitement locally.

5. Coincidence of the pronouncements appears to indicate a reversal of policy in regard to publishing information concerning illegal immigration. I should be grateful if I might be informed whether this is so. I am anxious, in any case, to avoid building up expectations locally, and on security grounds (?decline) to agree to the announcement of estimated time of arrival of illegal ships in Palestine waters. In my view publicity should be directed towards showing up the part played by countries from which the ships sail and conditions on board.

Copies sent to:-

Foreign Office (News Dept.) - Mr. Mathews.

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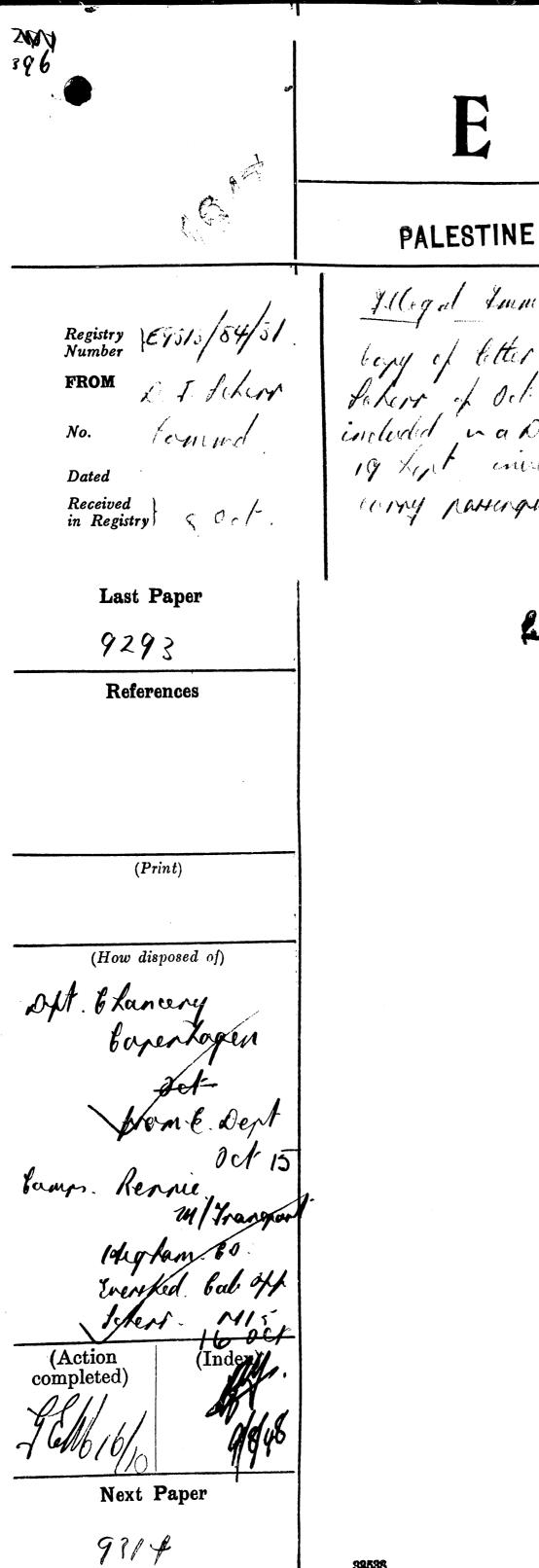
When I was representing today to the Secretary General the harm done to Anglo-French relations by the supine attitude of the competent French authorities towards vessels visiting French ports on their way to pick up illicit Jewish immigrants he said he wondered whether it would not be helful if a resolution were passed by the Assembly calling on Member States to do what they could to see that the position in Palestine was not prejudiced while the Commission's report was still subjudice.

2. I pointed out that there was already one resolution in this sense on record and that we had frequently quoted it in our communications to the French Government but I thought possibly something more specific and urgent could be devised. He promised to reflect on the matter.

Foreign Office please pass to United Kingdom Delegation New York as my telegram No.66.

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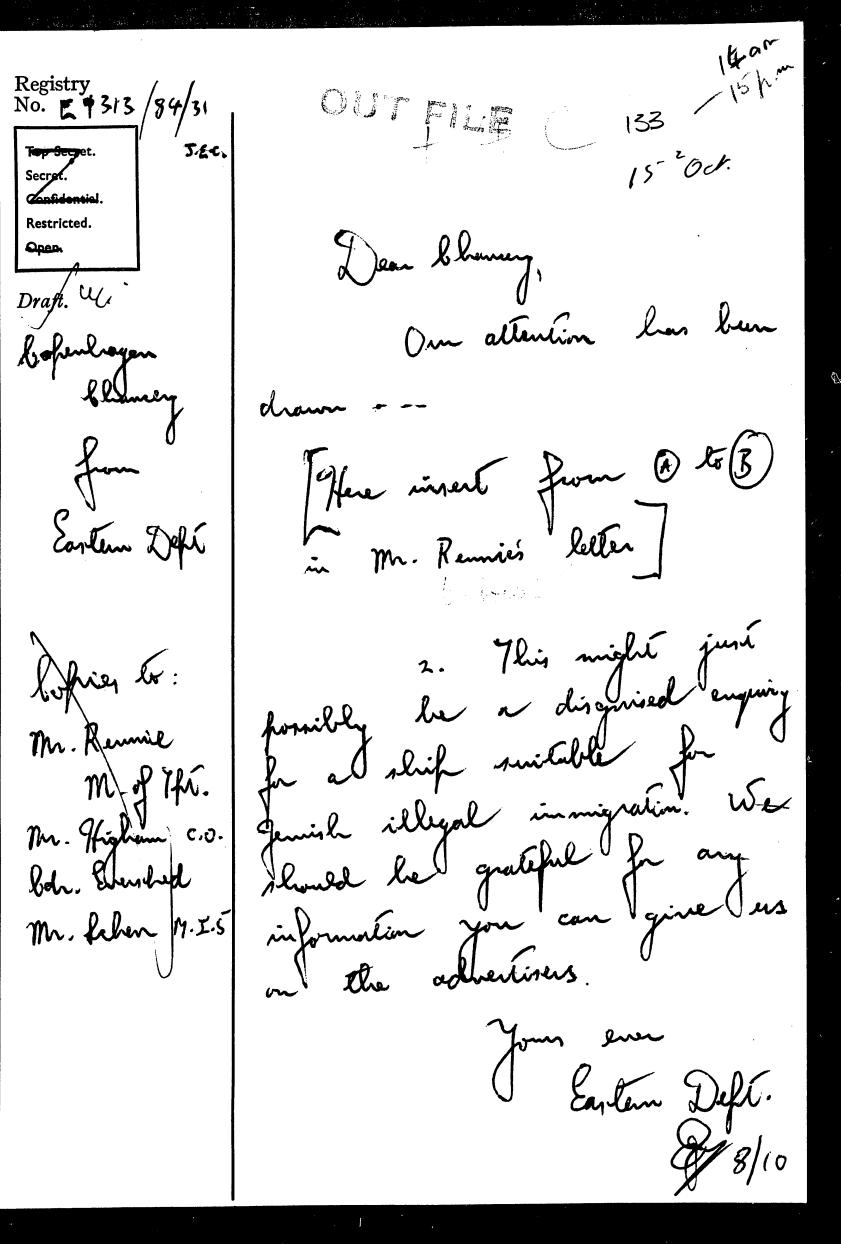
to central America. Speed not less than 13 knots. invited with full particulars, plans and photo."

It has been suggested that the enquiry is "rather intriguing". although the particulars indicate requirement is for a normal onigrant class passenger ship. Movertheless, it is considered the Working Perty should be aware of this, in case control America is really Palestine, although it is considered that this is unlikely.

I am sending copies of this letter to Highen, Evershed and Cable.

Yours sincerely.

D. J. Scherr. Esq., Box 500. Perliament Street B.O., .W.L.



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FOREIGN OFFICE, 3. W. 1.

(E 9313/84/31)

15th Cetober, 1947.

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Dear Chancery.

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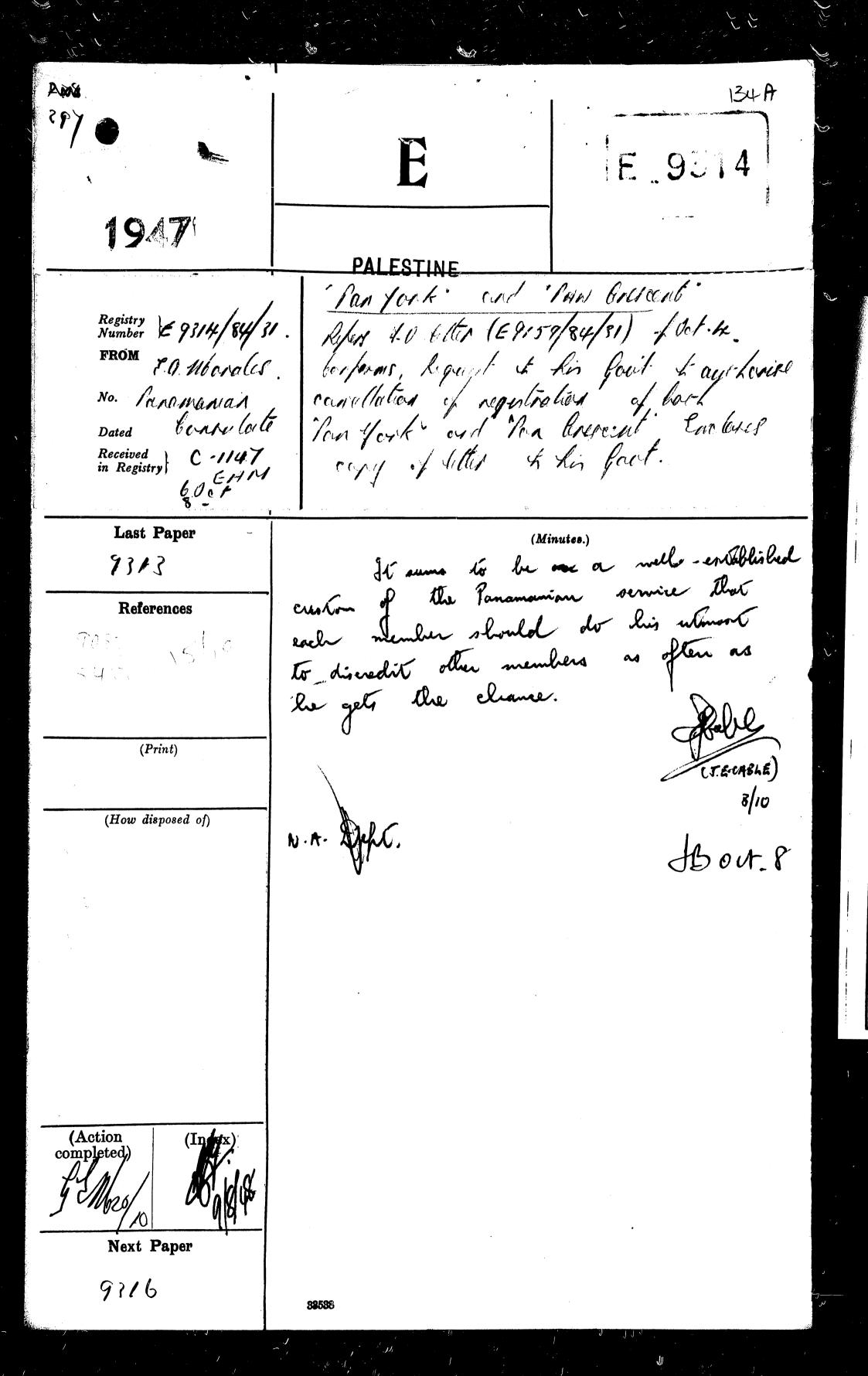
2. This might just possibly be a disguised enquiry for a ship suitable for Jewish illegal immigration. We should be grateful for any information you can give us on the advertisers.

Yours ever.

RASTERN DEPARTMENT

The Chancery, British Ambassy, Copenhagen.

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NSULADO GENERAL DE LA REPUBLICA DE PANAMA enter 5 35

London, 6th October, 1947

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I refer to your immediate and confidential Note No. E 9159/84/31 dated the 4th October and I confirm our subsequent telephone conversation when I informed you that, in view of the strong evidence given in this case in support of the British Government suspicions that the s.s. "PAN YORK" and s.s. "FAN JRESJENT" will soon be engaged in the illegal traffic of jews to Falestine, I had decided to request my Government to authorize to cancel the panamanian registration of these vessels.

As I mentioned to you verbally, these vessels are not my direct responsability as they were not registered by me, but I am determined to stop this traffic under our flag and in the case of these two vessels you fortunately have given me the means to act strongly. There is no doubt whatsoever in my mind that these vessels are suspect.

I enclose a copy of the letter which I have sent to-day to my Government confirming a telegram sent this morning.

I also note with pleasure that you will be replying to my personal letter. It is very important that I should have your reply before next Friday and perhaps you will be good enough to do this for me.

Eusebio A. Morales

J.G.S.Beith, Esq., Foreign Office, S.W.1 FO 371/61849

Reference:

THE PUBLIC

Londres, 6 de Octubre de 1947.

Nº 0-1146.-

Señor Don Joel Medina, Director de la Secsión Consular y de Naves del Ministerio de Hacienda y Tesoro. Panamá, República de Panamá.

Señor Director:

Me apresuro a confirmar a usted mi cablegrama de fecha de hoy, que a la letra dice:

"SECNAVES - HACIENDA PANAMA

FOREIGN OFFICE EN NOTA E 9159/84/31 FECHADA HOY SOLICITAN COOPERACION GOBIERNO NACIONAL CANCELACION PATENTES PANYORK Y PANCESCENT SUMINISTRANDO DETALLES CONCRETOS QUE SUSTENTAN FUNDADAS SOSPECHAS DICHOS BARCOS DEDICARANSE MUYPRONTO TRAFICO JUDIOS PUNTO A FIN EVITAR REPITASE LO CCURRIDO COU NORTH-LANDS COMO INFORME MI NOTA C-993 FECHADA 4 JUNIO Y CABLEGRAMA POSTERIOR SOLICITO AUTORIZACION CANCELAR PATENTES BARCOS PANYORK Y PANCRESCENT ANTES SEA DEMASIADO TARDE FUNTO AEREO ENVIOLE TRADUCCION NOTA FOREIGN OFFICE

PANACONSUL".

Tal como anunció a usted en dicho mensaje, me complace remitirle anexa al presente oficio, traducción al castellano de la nota del Foreign Office Nº 9159/64/31 de fecha 4 de Octubre actual, la cual contiene una relación detallada de las actividades a que han estado dedicados últimamente los barcos "PAN YORK" y "PAN CRESCENT".

Me permito sugerir la conveniencia de que la decisión del Gobierno Nacional al respecto sea comunicada con la mayor celeridad posible, debido a que, según opinión extraoficial expresada por funcionarios del Foreign Office, la dilación gen

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OFFICE,

Cónsul en Burdeos, cumpliendo instrucciones de ese Despacho, efectuaron la verificación de los cargos formulados, fué probablemente la causa principal de que las actividades del barco "MORTHLANDS" no hubieran sido interceptadas a tiempo, trayendo como consecuencia que dicho barco fuera detenido por autoridades inglesas en aguas de Palestina, con inmigrantes ilegales a bordo.

En espera de las instrucciones de ese Ministerio respecto a la actuación que me corresponda tener en este caso, me suscribo atentamente,

> Eusebio A. Morales. Cónsul General de Panamá.

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Colonial Office, The Church House, Great Smith Street. London, S. W. 1.

7th October, 1947.

My dear Blu.

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You will remember mentioning to me the other day that Reuters have misinterpreted a statement by your News Department about PADUCAH and NORTHLANDS and the possibility of refoulement. You will now have seen Palestine telegram No. 1841 Secret dealing with this.

The line we had agreed to take on this issue was contained in our telegram No. 1641 of the 24th July to Palestine as amended by Palestine telegram No. 1425. The effect of these two telegrams was that Palestine, if pressed on the refoulement issue, would say that "though standing firmly by the right of refoulement (which would be carried out in suitable cases) Government declines on security grounds to give its reasons for the disposal of illegal immigrants in particular cases."

If you agree we propose to reply to Palestine's No. 1841 to the effect that your spokesman did not suggest that immigrants on board the two vessels in question might be returned to Bulgaria or Roumania and that the Reuter message is obviously a misinterpretation 9 of the Foreign Office's spokesman's reiteration of our thesis that refoulement is a normal international practice.

We might add a warning to the effect that since an approach would have to be made to foreign governments if refoulement was at any time intended, before the ships reached Palestine, it was quite possible that we should

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not be able to prevent the news of our intentions from becoming public before the arrival of the ship at Haifa.

We propose to add that there is no reversal of policy in regard to publishing information concerning illegal immigration but that there may at times be clear advantage in making public information about suspect ships such as PAN YORK and PAN CRESCENT.

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(J.D. Higham)

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FROM THE SECRETIFIED OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

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76021/47 Cypher (O.T.P.)

TO PALESTINE (Gan. Sir A. Cunningham)
Sent 15th October, 1947. 11.45 hrs.

No.2468 Secret.

Your telegram No. 1841.

Foreign Office state that the Reuter message in question was misinterpretation of guidance given by News Department.

Spokesman did not suggest that immigrants would be returned to Bulgaria or Roumania but merely re-iterated the thesis in reply to questions that such action would be in line with normal international procedure.

- 2. Since an approach would have to be made to foreign governments if refoulement was at any time intended, we might well in such an eventuality be unable to prevent the news of our intentions becoming public before the arrival of the ship in Palestine.
- Jo There is no reversal of policy regarding publishing information about illegal immigration. At times however there may be clear advantage e.g. in securing public opinion in countries concerned and to give thereby support to diplomatic approaches, in making public information about suspect ships such as PAN YORK and PAN CRESCENT. It is noted that you wish to avoid giving publicity to expected arrivals of illegal immigrant ships and this will be done as far as possible. It may nevertheless be difficult to achieve this once interest has been aroused in any particular yessel.

Copies sent to:-Foreign Office

- Mr. Baith.

- Nava Department.